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Polish farmers vacate offices

WARSAW, April 18 (Agencies) — Farmers who had occupied public buildings in Bydgoszcz, northwest here, and Inowroclaw to the southwest began Friday to vacate the structures following the government's decision Friday to permit free agricultural unions, according to reports from the two cities.

Independent union federation, Solidarity, sources said that 80 farmers, including 20 who had started a hunger strike, had left the offices of the United Peasants' Party at Inowroclaw. They seized the building Thursday. The Inowroclaw protesters then went to Bydgoszcz to join strikers who had held the party building there since March 16, the sources reported.

The National Founding Committee of the independent Farmworkers' Union decided to end all protest action throughout the country after the signing of the agreement Friday with government representatives.

In Bydgoszcz, the farmers filed out of the party office building in small groups and boarded trains that would take them back to their villages.

Friday's agreement was broadcast on state radio, one of the unionists' demands. The agreement said the country's Sejm (parliament) would be instructed by the government to draw up a legal basis for the new rural Solidarity union along the same lines as the workers' Solidarity, established last year.

The agreement allows the new union to operate before the legal charter is drawn up, and farmers who took part in strikes and protests will not be penalized. The agreement is being seen as momentous as the Gdansk accord, which gave birth to workers' Solidarity last summer.

Meanwhile, Poland's state-run newspapers gave prominent display but no comment Saturday to the agreement. The agreement was signed by representatives of Poland's estimated 3.5 million private farmers and owners of the agricultural land and produce much of the nation's food, and a government commission.

It pledges the government to provide the legal basis for registration of which a union, blocked previously by the Supreme Court which ruled that the farmers were self-employed and legally unable to form a trade union. The agreement also represents a rebuff to Communist Party leader Stanislaw Kania and other senior officials who had opposed a private farmers' union on political and philosophical grounds.

In Moscow, the Soviet news agency Tass Saturday reported without substantive comment the Polish government's decision to register an independent trade union of farmers — Rural Solidarity.

The two-paragraph Tass announcement was read over national radio minutes after it was released. A Western analyst said he believed the Soviets are "very much against" creation of the farmers' union, but said the decision to report it was a sign "they are reluctantly accepting it."

The Tass account quoted Polish authorities as saying one of the factors contributing to the constituent committee that "recognizes the role of the P.C.P. (Polish Communist Party) as the guiding force in the building of socialism."

One held in bid to murder Bush

GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan, April 18 (AP) — A 39-year-old man has appeared in court accused of threatening to kill Vice President George Bush and possession of firearms.

John North Wright, arrested at his home in Lansing, Michigan, requested a court-appointed lawyer when he appeared in court Friday. Police said they went to Wright's house for unspecified reasons and he threatened to kill Bush.

The charge read at the hearing said the erbel threat was made "on or about April 6." Threatening the life of the president or vice president is a federal offense. Police said they confiscated two rifles, one of them with a telescopic sight.

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INDIAN HEADGEAR: British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher wears a green and gold "dupatta" or diaphanous shawl, while her husband Denis sports a village headman's turban during a visit to Bannaul village, near New Delhi.

Haig, Shahi to iron out arms aid differences

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP) — Foreign Minister Agha Shahi of Pakistan and U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig met Monday in an effort to narrow lingering differences over proposed American military aid for the Asian country.

The meeting is the second phase of talks on a \$500 million aid proposal made last month to Pakistani President Zia ul Haq. The Reagan administration has been trying to work out an aid formula acceptable to Gen. Zia, who earlier rejected a suggested \$400 million two-year aid program as "penalties."

The Pakistanis want U.S. help in strengthening their defenses along the western border with Afghanistan, where 85,000 Soviet troops are stationed, but also want to be considered nonaligned. Fearful of possible Soviet retaliation, they have been sensitive to suggestions that they might be used to funnel U.S. arms to nationalists opposing Moscow's

forces in Afghanistan. Shahi has repeatedly said Pakistan's foreign policy is based on nonalignment with the superpowers, strong ties with the Islamic world and a 20-year-old friendship treaty with China.

In Karachi Saturday, Pakistan's Defense Minister Talpur, told reports that the country would not make any agreements which would adversely affect its nonaligned status. He said there was a tendency in neighboring India for objections to be raised even if Pakistan did something to defend itself in a critical situation.

Talpur said Pakistan was not being aggressive toward any other country, but it had the right to defend itself and was considering the acquisition of arms for defensive purposes. In New Delhi, an Indian government spokesman said his country's concern over arms supplies to Pakistan was based in what he called Pakistan's aggressive attitude in the

past 30 years. The spokesman said India was not insensitive to Pakistani security preoccupations, but was concerned over an arms race in the region and opposed to activities by outside powers which would increase tensions.

In advance of his scheduled weekend arrival in Washington, Shahi said in an interview that U.S. military assistance to the Afghan fighters could lead to a Third World War. He told the Paris newspaper Le Monde that the Afghan question should be solved through a political settlement and not by a confrontation which could arise from aiding the nationalists.

Shahi last month that Pakistan wanted no U.S. arms aid. But he indicated that it wanted the right to U.S. weapons at cut-rate prices financed by Arab states in the Gulf. Pakistan is reported to need air defense, radar and radio equipment, missile systems and interceptor aircraft.

Calls for M.E. moves Thatcher due today

BOMBAY, April 18 (Agencies) — On the eve of her visit to Saudi Arabia, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher called for fresh moves on the Middle East problem, Mrs. Thatcher, whose five-day official visit to India ended Saturday, flies to Saudi Arabia Sunday. She said: "There is a feeling that we must take a step forward a solution to the Middle East. In a world where there are so many tensions we must try to relieve that one."

Mrs. Thatcher will remain in Riyadh for three days for talks with Saudi Arabian leaders.

She told a Bombay news conference that little had happened over the Middle East problem since the Egyptian-Israeli peace accord, because of the U.S. presidential elections. Mrs. Thatcher said she also expects to discuss world economic problems and the North-South dialogue during her tour of Saudi Arabia and Gulf states. She said she believes the American proposal for a Rapid Deployment Force will be raised while she is in the Gulf region.

Reiterating her support for American moves to rearm Pakistan, she told reporters the amount of arms voiced was very much less than that received by India. "Pakistan now has Soviet troops on its northern border and that is a new factor," she said.

Mrs. Thatcher said that when one Indian commentator maintained arms would be going to a leader of Pakistan who was not elected, she had replied: "Do you think President Brezhnev is (elected)?"

Earlier Saturday Mrs. Thatcher called for a genuine international effort by the developed and developing countries to tackle world economic problems.

Britain would welcome an increase in imports from India and would ease restrictions as far as possible on the entry of Indian manufactured goods. Mrs. Thatcher said in Bombay at her last public function in India. Addressing Indian industrialists, she pointed out that trade between India and Britain during 1980 amounted to about \$1,950 million, which she termed "an impressive basis for expansion."

Peace prevails in riot-hit Brixton

LONDON, April 18 (AFP) — A week after bloody clashes in the depressed south London suburb of Brixton, the situation was calm Saturday, with police watchful but attempting to keep in the background.

Many policemen were reportedly refused time off over the Easter weekend in case new trouble erupted. Several places in this rundown pocket of high unemployment and poverty only a few minutes walk from central London, with a 40 per cent black population, were closed.

In an attempt to defuse tension, black community leaders of the "Brixton defense committee" Friday called off a street rally planned for Sunday, just opposite Brixton police station. In their Easter message, church leaders called for peace and "reconstruction." The pictures of burning houses and police reeling under bricks and Molotov cocktails deeply shocked people all over Britain last week. Parliament, the press and television saw anxious debate all week whether the cause of the riots was racial or simply exploding resentment against unemployment.

But the main cause of the disturbances is believed to be growing distrust of the police. The image of the traditional London bobby, who knew everyone on his beat and was part of the community scene, in Brixton giving way to a tougher, more remote police, seen as discriminating against colored youths.

But observers were quick to point out that, even in Brixton, the police were not armed and did not face rioters with the full paraphernalia of teargas, water jets and armed cars so familiar in other European capitals or in the United States. As the Economist magazine writes this week significantly the only person seriously injured in many hours' fighting was a policeman, in hospital with a fractured skull.

"A similar localized outbreak in the U.S. would have led to more than a score of deaths," the Economist wrote. "Gun control works."

Customs staff in U.K. walks out

LONDON, April 18 (AP) — Sporadic walk-outs by customs officers caused a duty-free bonanza for holidaymakers entering Britain's air and sea ports for the Easter vacation Friday.

As part of the ongoing pay dispute involving the country's 530,000 civil servants, customs controllers abandoned random checks at the green "nothing to declare" channels and allowed double the normal duty-free allowances for those entering through the red declaration points. Civil servants leaders said they had been advised to take the action in order to avoid long delays at customs checkpoints normally fully operated.

Customs officers walked off the job for a total of three hours at London's Heathrow Airport and for two hours at Gatwick. At Dover sea port, a union spokesman commented: "Easter will be a heyday for smugglers. Visitors will be allowed in unchecked." A statement from the council of Civil Service Unions said the officers' instructions "in effect allow passengers unrestricted exit under conditions of pressure at the checkpoints."

Only where manageable numbers are awaiting clearance will any check for dutiable goods be made. "A customs and excise spokesman confirmed that measures had been introduced "to minimise delays." The customs officers action is likely to last until Monday when thousands of Britons will return from Easter holidays abroad.

Immigration officials also staged lightning stoppages, causing tailbacks of up to one hour at checkpoints at Heathrow and delaying some 50 flights. The walk-outs were the latest move in a six-week-old disruption campaign by civil servants pressing a pay claim.

The strikes have hit courts, prisons, naval dockyards and tax collecting offices as well as air and sea ports. The civil servants want a 15 per cent pay increase. The Conservative government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will not go above seven per cent.



CANDIDATES: The ten official candidates for the French presidential elections are, top row from left: Francois Mitterrand, Valery Giscard d'Estaing, Marie-France Garaud, Arlette Laguiller, Huguette Boucharreau. Bottom row, from left: Jacques Chirac, Georges Marchais, Michel Crepeau, Michel Debre and Brice Lalonde.

In French poll survey

Giscard, Mitterrand going neck and neck

PARIS, April 18 (Agencies) — In extremely narrow survey results, French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing registered 50.5 per cent of voting intentions, and Socialist Party rival Francois Mitterrand received 49.5 per cent in a Harris poll for France released Saturday.

Saturday is the last day before the presidential elections that electoral polls can legally be published under French law. The first round of voting is April 16 and the secondary May 10. The two candidates showed similar results a week ago in a Harris poll for the magazine L'Express, with each scoring 50

Giscard's poll posters stolen

PARIS, April 18 (AFP) — Worried aides of French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing are on the look-out for a rash of bogus campaign posters following an overnight theft in the southern town of Agen.

They voiced fears Saturday that a bundle of 1,000 Giscard posters stolen from the doorstep of his local campaign office will be overprinted with captions like "don't vote for me — I'm quitting", or "France needs a man like (socialist candidate) Mitterrand."

per cent of the vote in a two-candidate contest.

In the poll Saturday commissioned by Radio Television Luxembourg, the incumbent candidate obtained 27 per cent of the votes in a first round, and the Socialist candidate 22.5 per cent. The respective figures a week ago were 28 and 24 per cent. Gaullist candidate Jacques Chirac and Communist candidate Georges Marchais in the latest poll each accounted for 18.5 per cent of the vote, progressing respectively by 1.5 and 0.5 percentage points in the polls.

Ecologist candidate Brice Lalonde got 3.5 per cent of voting intentions. Gaullist Michel Debre 2.5 per cent, and minor candidates Marie-France Garaud, Arlette Laguiller and Huguette Boucharreau each had two per cent. The poll was undertaken April 16 and 17, drawing on a national sample of 1,000 persons.

Meanwhile a message from Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev to Giscard has reinforced the impression that the Kremlin hopes Giscard will be Kremlin hopes Giscard will be re-elected for another term. "Western diplomats said in Moscow Saturday. In the message, Brezhnev condemned what he termed an attempt on the life of Giscard.

A militant movement called Corsican Guerrillas and Partisans (CGP) Saturday

claimed responsibility for Thursday's bomb attack in Ajaccio on the French Mediterranean island, and confirmed it was a protest at Giscard d'Estaing's visit there. The telegram, front-paged by all Soviet newspapers Saturday, said: "We have learned with indignation about the attempt on your life. My colleagues and I emphatically condemn this criminal act."

Brezhnev added the unusually warm words: "In this connection I express to you my unfailing friendly feelings." Diplomats said the Kremlin appeared to have deliberately elevated the Ajaccio airport blast to the level of an assassination attempt and used the opportunity to signal greetings to President Giscard.

The wording of the telegram is almost identical to the one sent by Brezhnev to U.S. President Ronald Reagan shot and wounded.

Western diplomats said the circumstances of the greetings message showed the Kremlin was anxious to make its feelings known on the French presidential elections without provoking an outcry in France similar to that stirred by a Pravda article last month. French politicians and newspapers accused Moscow of trying to influence the outcome of the French elections after the Soviet party daily March 13 praised President Giscard as a "restrained and careful politician."

Khaled receives Omani official

RYADH, April 18 (SPA) — King Khaled received at his office Saturday Col. Salem Abdullah Al-Ghazali, Omani deputy defense minister, who delivered a message from Sultan Qaboos of Oman.

Later, Ghazali met with Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan. They reviewed bilateral relations and ways of promoting them. The Omani official left Riyadh the same day.

Saud finds Nepal views identical

KATHMANDU, April 18 (Agencies) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal said Saturday his talks with Nepalese leaders had revealed common views on the Palestinian question, the Middle East and Afghanistan. The prince, who left for home after ending a South Asian tour with a 24-hour visit to this Himalayan kingdom, said he was also happy with the Kingdom's relations with Nepal.

Nepalese Foreign Minister K.B. Sabai said they had discussed the possible purchase of Saudi Arabian oil adding there were good prospects of receiving Kingdom's aid for building highways in Nepal.

Prince Saud also conferred with King Birendra and at a banquet Friday night, he pledged his country's support for Nepal's proposal that all nations regard Nepal as a zone of peace. Saudi Arabia is the first country to support the proposal.

Prince Saud earlier visited Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Saud said before leaving Colombo that the nonaligned movement had a special responsibility in helping to resolve the Afghanistan crisis. "I would say that there was an overall consensus of agreement on most questions. Maybe, there were differences in stress but basically the direction was constant," he said at an airport press conference just before leaving for Kathmandu.

The prince who met both President Jayewardene and Foreign Minister Shihul Hameed during his stay in Sri Lanka said that discussions on the international field covered the Middle East, Afghanistan and the Iran-Iraq war.

On the Middle East, he was happy that Sri Lanka and Saudi Arabia shared the viewpoint that Israel must quit occupied Arab territories, including Jerusalem and the Palestinian problem must be resolved for peace to be secured in the region.

On Afghanistan, he said that there was full agreement that no settlement was possible without the withdrawal of Soviet troops from that country, traditionally a member of the nonaligned movement.

On the Iran-Iraq war, he said the two sides were of the view that the conflict must be brought to a speedy end.

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For upcoming conference

Labor team Ok'd

By Adnan Sadeq and Muhammad Al-Qasbi
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, April 18 — A royal decree was issued approving the formation of the Kingdom's delegation to the 67th session of the World Labor Conference which will be held in Geneva from June 3 through 24. The delegation will be led by Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ibrahim Al-Anqari.

Salman to open scientific talks

RIYADH, April 18 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman will open Monday the fifth series of meetings of scientific centers and commissions interested in the studying of the Arab Gulf and Peninsula. This series will discuss academic projects involving an Atlas and encyclopedia for the Gulf and Arab Peninsula.

The meetings also will discuss recommendations of the historic documents coordination and collection commission during its meetings in Bahrain in February. The participants will debate the issue of membership of the concerned scientific centers and commissions' secretariat general to the Arab League Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ALESCO).

The centers and commissions held their first series meetings in 1976 at the Arab Gulf Studies Center of Basra, Iraq. The second was held in Kuwait in 1977, the third in Sanaa in 1978 and the fourth in Abu Dhabi last year.

The serial meetings aim at bringing together all the scientific centers and academies specializing in various studies and research about the Arab Gulf and Peninsula for cooperation in scientific fields and coordination in achieving their objectives.

the meetings of the international body to coordinate their stances. The Arab group will unify its policy in issues of common interest.

Specially, the members of the Arab organization will discuss the International Labor Organization's resolutions denouncing Israel and the practicality of applying the resolution by the ILO members.

among the important issues to be discussed at the ILO conference will be peace, health, work environment, social insurance rights for workers and the termination of service by the employer. The conference also will discuss reports to be presented by the chairman and director general of the ILO, in addition to reports about the implementation of international agreements and resolutions.

A working paper on equal opportunity and treatment of male and female workers who bear family responsibilities will be discussed at the conference.

Last year, the Arab group succeeded in securing the approval of the majority of members in the resolution denouncing the Zionist entity on the building and expansion of settlements in occupied Palestine.

The upcoming conference will approve the ILO's budget which is estimated at \$238,746,000. The international organization has 154 member states.

The Arab group's target in this year's conference will be the approval of the ILO General Assembly to introduce Arabic as an official working language for the organization as of 1982. The Kingdom is considered one of the most active members of the organization since it has endorsed 13 agreements approved by the ILO so far.

House collapse kills two

JEDDAH, April 18 — Two persons died and two others were injured in Najran when their mudhouse crumbled. All four were Egyptian workers, and the injured were rushed to Najran hospital. The workers were sleeping when the house fell apart. *Al-Jazirah* said Friday.



SIGNING: Tihamah General Manager Muhammad Sayed Tayyeb (left) and Saudi Research and Marketing Vice Chairman Muhammad Ali Hafiz signing the advertising agreement.

Advertising agreement signed

By a Staff Writer
JEDDAH, April 18 — An agreement has been signed here recently between Saudi Research and Marketing Co. and Tihamah Advertising, Public Relations and Marketing Research as part of an overall cooperation effort between the two companies. The new agreement provides an exclusive advertising concession for Tihamah in *Sayidaty*, the Arab family magazine. *Sayidaty* is the first women's magazine to appoint a Saudi woman as chief editor: Dr. Fatma Amin Shaker.

The agreement was signed by Muhammad Saad Tayyeb, Tihamah's general manager, and Saudi Research and Marketing vice chairman, Muhammad Ali Hafiz.

On regular basis Car inspections considered

JEDDAH, April 18 — A regular inspection of motor vehicles was one of the proposals submitted to the meeting of traffic directors but no decision has been taken so far, according to Director General of Traffic Col. Muhammad bin Rajaa Al Harbi. Speaking to *Al-Bilad* newspaper Saturday on the occasion of the opening of traffic week, Al Harbi said the study underway will decide whether the department should carry out the inspection alone or in conjunction with another one.

Railroad authority explains charges

RIYADH, April 18 (SPA) — The General Railroad Authority Saturday said the difference between the transportation charges of a 20-ft. container from Dammam to customs in Riyadh and to the merchant's warehouse is because of the transport of goods by truck from the customs to the warehouse and its return to the customs empty.

It added that the transportation charge from Dammam to the Riyadh customs is SR650, but transportation to the importer's warehouse costs SR 850.

In a reply to public enquiries, the organization said the delivery of the container at the customs costs SR 1,300 but SR 1,700 up to the warehouse of the merchant. These charges include transportation from Dammam seaport to Riyadh customs or up to the warehouse.

The authority said the goods will be insured during rail transit and until they are delivered to the consignee.

FROM THE GULF

ABU DHABI, April 18 (WAM) — United Arab Emirates president, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan Saturday received visiting Indonesian Foreign Minister Mokhtar Kusuma Athmadja and reviewed with him methods of promoting bilateral relations.

The minister extended to Sheikh Zayed the greetings of the Indonesian President Gen. Suharto and renewed an invitation to the president to visit Indonesia. The meeting was attended by Rashid Abdullah, minister of state for foreign affairs and Raden Sayogo, Indonesian ambassador to the UAE, who is living in Kuwait.

Official talks between the UAE delegations led by Abdullah, and the Indonesian delegation, led by Kusuma, started earlier Saturday at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Abdullah said after the meeting that the two sides discussed bilateral relations and the current situation in the area and Southeastern Asia. He added view points were identical on the Middle East issue.

The Indonesian minister arrived here Friday night at the end of his tour of the Gulf area which already has taken him to Oman, Qatar, Kuwait and Bahrain. A similar visit was made by the Indonesian minister of energy, Prof. Subroto, earlier this month.

DUBAI, April 18 (WAM) — United Arab Emirates vice-president and prime minister, Sheikh Rashid bin Saeed Al Maktoum Saturday morning received Shooedri Ahmed, Bangladesh minister of foreign trade and discussed with him means of promoting the commercial cooperation between the two countries.

ABU DHABI, April 18 (WAM) — Muhammad Ghalib Ahmed, South Yemen vice-minister for expatriates affairs left here Saturday for home, wrapping up a visit of several days to the U.A.E.

While here, Ghalib delivered a message to the UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashid Abdulla from his Yemeni counterpart Salim Saleh Muhammad dealing with bilateral relations and issues of mutual interest.

He was seen off at the airport by Abdul Rahman Al-Jarwan, under-secretary of the ministry of state for foreign affairs.

SHARJAH, April 18 (WAM) — Sheikh Sultan Bin Muhammad Al-Qassim, one of the UAE seven-member Supreme Council and Ruler of Sharjah Saturday opened the first annual exhibition held by Abhiliya elementary school in co-operation with the Education Ministry's general administration for educational means.

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Regional administration proposals completed

Consultative system formulated

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 18 — A new system, which will include a consultative council of elders to help the government, has been formulated and will be submitted to King Khaled soon, according to Interior Minister Prince Naif.

In an interview with Al Medina Saturday, he said the committee assigned to the job also had completed proposals for reorganizing the regional administrations and these too will be submitted for approval to the government. Prince Naif was asked last year by the King

and Crown Prince Fahd to head a committee to prepare a new system for the regions and also to propose how the consultative council should be created. The council will include men of wisdom, knowledge and high morals to advise the government in policy making.

The minister rejected allegations that the new nationality law that is before the council of ministers will make it difficult for those born here to become naturalized Saudi Arabians at the age of 18. "These rumors are untrue," he said, "and the proof is that the ministry issues weekly bulletins naming those born here and awarding them full citizen-

ship." But he warned those who were born here and had reached the age of 18 against neglecting to apply for citizenship immediately. If they don't do so at once they will lose the right of naturalization and will be advised to go back to their original embassies to obtain passports.

On internal security he said there are no new regulations, but there will be steps to "consolidate our capabilities which will in turn have positive effects on the people." He appealed to the people to help the security forces and ensure the peace of their country. "They should oppose anything that is contrary to our principles and moralities or the interests of our country."

He said that the large number of expatriates here have their own traditions and customs, but these will not be permitted if they run contrary to our religion, principles and national interest.

We would have been quite happy to train all the interior security personnel right here if that was possible, he said, because of the negative effects of foreign scholarships. Prince Naif said he hoped that the country's own teaching institutions will be able to provide the kind of education and training that



Prince Naif

the staff will need to become excellent security men." This is a question of time before we can make all this training available here," he added.

The country still needs a large number of qualified personnel, he emphasized, and will continue to send some of them on scholarships abroad under careful supervision. "This is the job of the Ministry of Higher Education which should be assisted by other government departments in fulfilling its objectives," he said.

King Khaled to place campus foundation stone

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 18 — King Khaled is expected to lay the foundation stone of the Medina Islamic university campus early next year. The SR7 billion project will be carried out in two phases during the current Third Five-Year Development plan and the next one, according to official sources.

As the chairman of the Supreme Council of the University Crown Prince Fahd has given instructions to proceed with the project which will be of immense benefits to the people and of greater service to Muslim students and scholars abroad.

The project has been awarded to an international consultant company with local participation, and talks are underway between the various ministries to start work after completing the designs within a month at the most.

The campus includes students belonging to 106 nationalities who come to study religion, jurisprudence, Arabic and Islamic studies.

In another development, Dr. Muhammad Said Al-Qahtani, King Faisal University rector, left Dhahran Saturday with a delegation of deans of faculties for a several-days visit to the United States.

The delegations will hold talks with the Joint Saudi Arabian-U.S. Committee on implementing agreements signed between the two bureaus. The academic agreements aim to promote KFUs projects in Dammam and Hasa. The delegation also will discuss issues related to academic assistance to the university to improve and introduce modern technology to KFUs academic programs.

Officials advised on Arabic usage

JEDDAH, April 18 — Crown Prince Fahd has advised all government departments to use only Arabic in their correspondence, agreements and documents throughout their operations, it was reported Saturday.

In a memorandum to the civil service, he said that all correspondence — even with foreign companies — should be made in Arabic because this is the official language of the Kingdom.

In the event of words or phrases that cannot be translated exactly into Arabic the foreign text may be inserted with the Arabic transliteration next to it, the report said.

BRIEFS

University poll planned

JEDDAH, April 18 — Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University of Riyadh intends to carry out a poll for the opening of a Shaira and Islamic Studies College in Hasa, according to local press reports. The survey will be for secondary school students who will express their opinion on the proposed academic curricula of the college. Officials also hope that the poll will give them an estimation of the number of students willing to enroll in the college.

Bangladesh official visits

JEDDAH, April 18 (SPA) — Bangladesh Interior Minister Mustapha Azizul Rahman arrived here on a four-day visit. The Bangladesh minister will hold talks with Interior Minister Prince Naif and other officials. He was received at the airport by Deputy Makkah Governor Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen, Jeddah Commissioner Abdul Rahman Al-Sudairi, Western Region Commander Gen. Mansour Al-Shuaibi and other senior officials.

Scouting award given

JEDDAH, April 18 — Talha ibn Ubaidallah school of Hafr el Batn won the Kingdom's scouting excellence award. The competition was held in Jof at the Kingdom's schools level. The Scout guidance Department of Hafr el Batn Educational Directorate also won the first place on the level of education directorates, according to Al Jazirah Saturday.

Stamp directory issued

JEDDAH, April 18 — The Saudi Arabian Stamp Collectors' Society issued a directory for stamp collectors recently. The directory is written by Muhammad Kamal Safdar, chairman of the society. The book is comprehensive with an introduction by Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, president of the Youth Welfare. The directory consists of seven sections and includes a summary of the history of stamps and the first stamp issued, said Al Bilad Saturday.

Customs talks underway

DHAHRAN, April 18 (SPA) — Bahraini Customs Director Khalil Al-Mutawi arrived here Saturday at the head of a delegation on a few day's visit. He was received by Abdul Karim Al-Nasser, director of tariffs in the customs department. The Bahraini delegation will hold meetings with officials here for coordination in customs. The meeting comes under the economic cooperation agreement between the two countries.

Taxi meter procedures

JEDDAH, April 18 — The Traffic Directorate General has completed procedures for implementing the taxi meters' regulations to be applied in Riyadh, Jeddah, Medina, Makkah and Taif. Assistant director Lt. Ibrahim Ali Al-Maiman told Al Medina Saturday that the directorate is waiting for approval to start the application.

COMMENT

By Rashed Al-Hamdan Al Jazirah

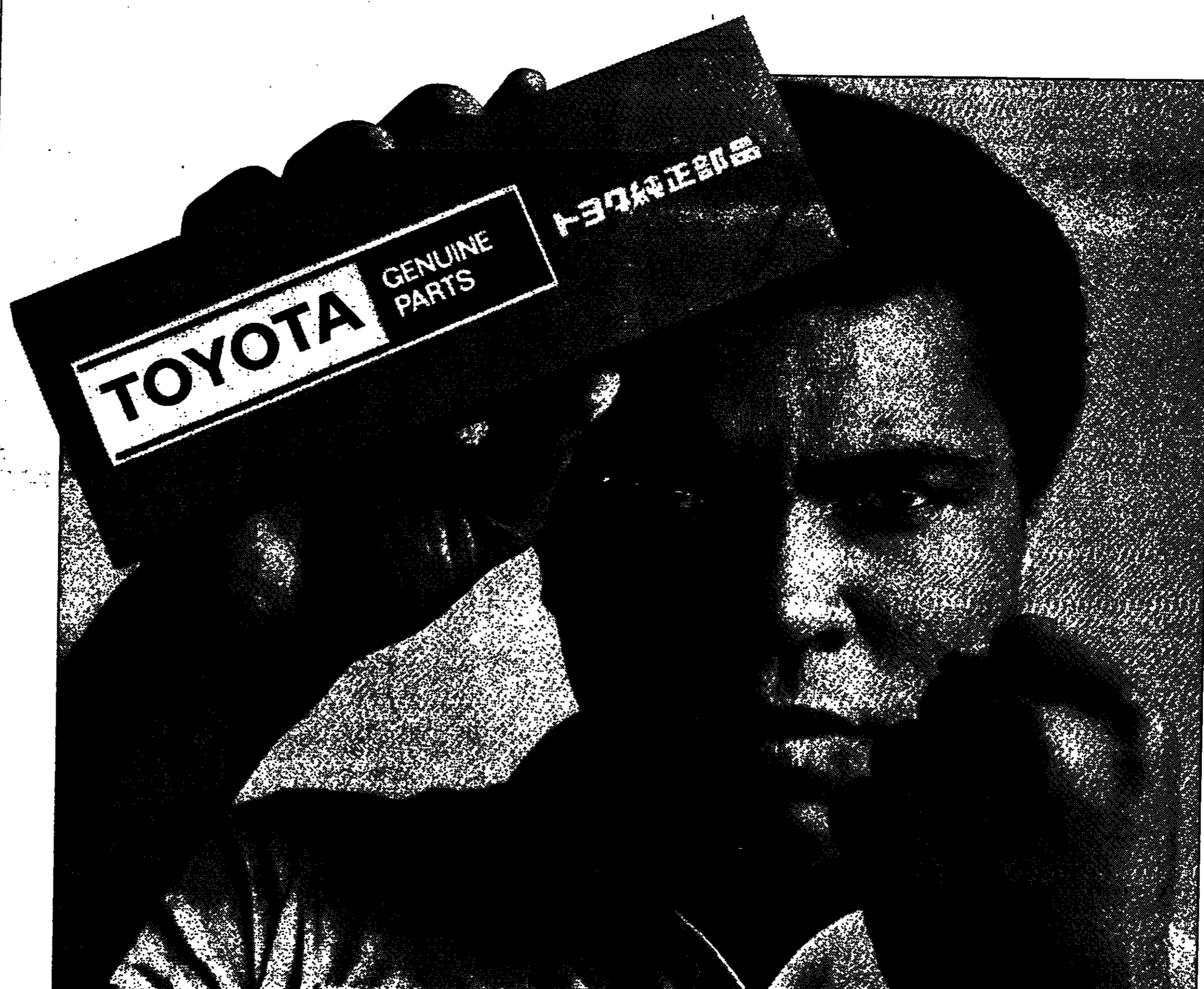
Once I was discussing traffic problems with a traffic official. He gave me a few examples of the difficulties traffic policemen often confront with the public. He said that some people do not care to abide by the traffic rules and regulations while there are others who pay no regard to penalties imposed for violating the rules.

In my view, the structure of society urges us to be conscious of every requirement in modern life. Discipline is one such requirement that no one can afford to overlook any time. It is not only driving safety in which discipline is needed but, in fact, in every walk of life one feels the great need for it to live an orderly life.

The countries of the spend huge amounts on experts and engineers, in order to create specialists to the draw up civil rules for the country. To quote an instance, you cannot build a house without preparing a plan for it and allocating funds to spend on its construction. Similarly, we send our children to schools with the specific purpose of making them capable of regulating their life in the future in accordance with the need of the society they have to live in.

Anyone who pretends he is capable of taking more than what actually is due to him, is definitely a person quite unprepared to accept life as it is in the present society. His indifference toward the policeman reflects his negative attitude toward the society, which makes him liable to a harder punishment.

I fail to understand how long we shall continue to ignore the value of other people's efforts for the sake of our own interests.



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To Klaauw

Arafat complains about Europe

DAMASCUS, April 18 (AP) — PLO chairman Yasser Arafat has complained that the European Council has never recognized the Palestine Liberation Organization as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, a PLO spokesman said.

The spokesman said that Arafat communicated his thinking to Christopher van der Klaauw, foreign minister of the Netherlands who also is the current chairman of the European Council of Ministers, during a meeting here. Arafat, he said, also told Klaauw that the European community had never recognized the Palestinian "right to set up their own national homeland."

3 Americans named for Iran tribunal

WASHINGTON, April 18 (R) — President Reagan has appointed three Americans to the Iran-U.S. claims tribunal set up after Iran released 52 American hostages Jan. 20. Named were Malcolm Wilkey, a judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, Richard Mosk, partner in the Los Angeles firm of Mitchell, Silberberg and Knapp, which specializes in complex financial litigation and Howard Holtzmann, partner in the New York firm of Holtzmann, Wise and Shepard, which specializes in arbitration and international law.

Lebanon before coming to Damascus for his meeting with Arafat.

After the meeting, Klaauw said he had received "replies to all the questions" the European community had wished to ask the PLO in an exchange of views that had been "rather frank."

The European Ten have long talked about launching an initiative with a view to a Middle East settlement. Last August, the then European Council chairman Gaston Thorn had already conferred with Arafat in the context of that same initiative. Klaauw said Friday "no date" had as yet been set for the initiative to finally get underway.

On his part, Arafat described the meeting as "productive" but confirmed that "so far, the Europeans have offered only questions, no initiative."

Klaauw's visit has already drawn fire from Israel, which said two days ago the European initiative was doomed to failure since it did not take into account vital Israeli interests.

European leaders say the initiative is designed to supplement rather than take the place of United States moves to bring peace in the region based on the Camp David accords between Israel and Egypt. Some PLO leaders hope to persuade the Europeans to move toward a Soviet proposal for an international conference on the Middle East. Later in the day, Arafat briefed the 314-member Palestinian National Council, or parliament-in-exile, on his meeting with Klaauw. The PNC branched out in three sub-committees which put together draft resolutions on political, military and financial aspects of the resistance movement.

Sources close to the political sub-committee said a resolution in favor of perpetuating relations with Jordan was imminent, despite strong opposition from radical commando groups. Specifically, the joint PLO-Jordan financial committee that chan-

nels \$150 million a year of Arab aid to Palestinians within Israeli-occupied areas would continue its operations.

The radicals accused Jordanian King Hussein of trying to undermine the PLO and go it alone as far as a Mideast settlement with Israel was concerned. But the moderate policy of Arafat's mainline commando group, Fatah, appeared to be gathering momentum within the PNC, gaining majority support for its insistence on carrying on the dialogue with Jordan.

The financial sub-committee completed its recommendations, which were approved by the PNC unanimously. These recommendations call for pursuing fund-raising efforts from Arab countries.

Benazir 'bleeding after operation'

KARACHI, April 18 (AP) — Miss Benazir Bhutto, elder daughter of the executed Prime Minister Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, had a minor operation at the civil hospital in Karachi Friday and was later moved to Karachi jail. She was brought from Sukkur jail in Sindh province, about 480 kilometers northwest of Karachi. Her mother, Mrs. Nurat Bhutto is already there under detention.

The two were detained under martial law rules and kept in jail since the hijacking of the Pakistani Airlines Boeing 720 in the first week of March.

Mrs. Razia Lateef Ansari of the civil hospital Karachi told reporters after the operation Friday afternoon that Miss Benazir Bhutto had developed some internal complication and was bleeding. The doctor did not tell the causes of bleeding. "I examined Benazir on the history of the case given to me by the jail doctors to determine the causes of internal trouble," the doctor added.

Iraq to buy weapons from all but Israel

BEIRUT, April 18 (R) — Iraq will buy arms anywhere in the world except Israel and had bought from Egypt because the purchase strengthened the country, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has said in an interview published.

"We shall buy any arms offered except those made in Israel," he said in the interview with the weekly magazine *Al-Hawadess*. According to reports from Cairo, Egypt has sold Iraq equipment and ammunition worth \$35 million to help it in the Gulf war with Iran although it had severed relations with Cairo over the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

Hussein said it was not in the interests of Iraqis or of Arabs as a whole that Iran be partitioned so long as Iran was friendly. "But when it is an enemy and wants to divide us, then let it break up," he said. He did not say how Iran might be partitioned, but in two speeches last month he said he would arm dissident ethnic minorities in Iran, which account for roughly half of its 35 million population.

Talks on Aegean make progress

ATHENS, April 18 (AP) — Greek and Turkish technical experts concluded talks here Friday aimed at resolving their differences over Aegean airspace agreeing on some points, the foreign ministry said.

A statement issued at the end of the four days of discussions said: "On some points under discussion, there was a coincidence of views." It did not elaborate what the points were.

Arrives in Algiers

Qaddafi may discuss M.E. with Benjedid

ALGIERS, April 18 (AFP) — Libyan leader Muhammar Qaddafi arrived in Algiers Saturday accompanied by Foreign Secretary Abdussalam Ali Triki. He was met at the airport by President Chadli Benjedid, Algerian government figures and senior members of the ruling FLN party. There was no indication of the duration or purpose of Col. Qaddafi's visit, which may have been set up by a telephone call from the Libyan leader to President Benjedid two days ago.

It was thought that the two men, who are principal leaders of the Arab "Steadfastness Front," could discuss the situation in the Middle East and the crisis in Lebanon ahead of a proposed visit to Moscow by Qaddafi. The two men would, it was believed,

perhaps also discuss the African political situation and a Nigerian proposal for a seven-state summit including Libya and Algeria on Chad. A "mini-summit" on Chad was to have been held in Lagos earlier this month but was canceled because Libya and Cameroon did not attend.

Meanwhile, Arab League Secretary General Chedli Klibi left Rabat Saturday for Tunis after a mission to reconcile Morocco and Mauritania who broke relations last month over an attempted coup in Mauritania. He said in a statement that his conversations with King Hassan and Mauritanian Prime Minister Muhammad Khouna Ould Haïdalla encouraged him to pursue the mission.

Iraqi guard shot dead in Beirut

BEIRUT, April 18 (R) — Gunmen in a speeding car shot dead a guard here Saturday at the former building of the Iraqi embassy and wounded another, Iraqi sources said.

The building, in a seafar area in west Beirut, was guarded by two Lebanese. Iraqi

and Iranian diplomats and institutions have been the target of attacks in Beirut, reflecting the hostility between the two countries.

The Iraqi mission moved to new premises in the same area last year after the former building came under rocket attack.

Ghazala for Washington

Egypt seeking AWACs from U.S.

CAIRO, April 18 (Agencies) — Egyptian Defense Minister Abdul Halim Abu Ghazala will leave for Washington Tuesday for talks with American officials on buying new weapons, the weekly newspaper *Al-Ahram* reported Saturday.

The semi-official daily *Al-Ahram* said Egypt's arms shopping list included a modern reconnaissance aircraft. It said the plane is a

smaller version of the Airborne Warning And Control System (AWACS) aircraft mentioned by President Anwar Sadat during a meeting here last Thursday with the U.S. senate majority leader Howard Baker.

Sadat, after the meeting, told a news conference he wanted the planes which he said were used in Israel.

On Polisario attacks

Morocco calls for U.N. intervention

RABAT, April 18 (R) — King Hassan of Morocco has called for "energetic intervention" by the United Nations after Polisario attacks which he said were launched from Algeria against Moroccan outposts on the border with the western Sahara.

In a message to U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, the King said the outposts attacked Thursday "are located in south Morocco inside our international frontiers at a point which has never been disputed in any way." He said the raiders "came from neighboring Algerian territory where they took refuge, when their crime was committed."

The King said the Moroccan outposts of Sidi Amara and Hassi Anibia were attacked by foreign forces at dawn Thursday. Moroccan casualties were more than 13 dead, 20 seriously wounded and a dozen missing. A communique issued in Algiers by the Algerian-backed Polisario Front, which is fighting Morocco for the independence of western Sahara, said 125 Moroccan troops were killed and more than 100 wounded in a large-scale assault on Sidi Amara.

King Hassan told Waldheim that although Morocco was "obviously in a position of legitimate self-defence, we have given orders to our armies not to pursue the aggressors into their sanctuary."

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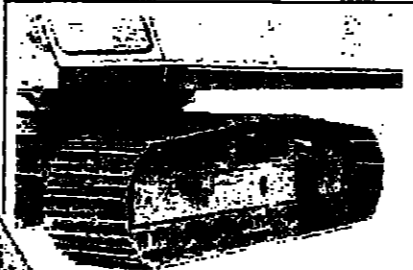
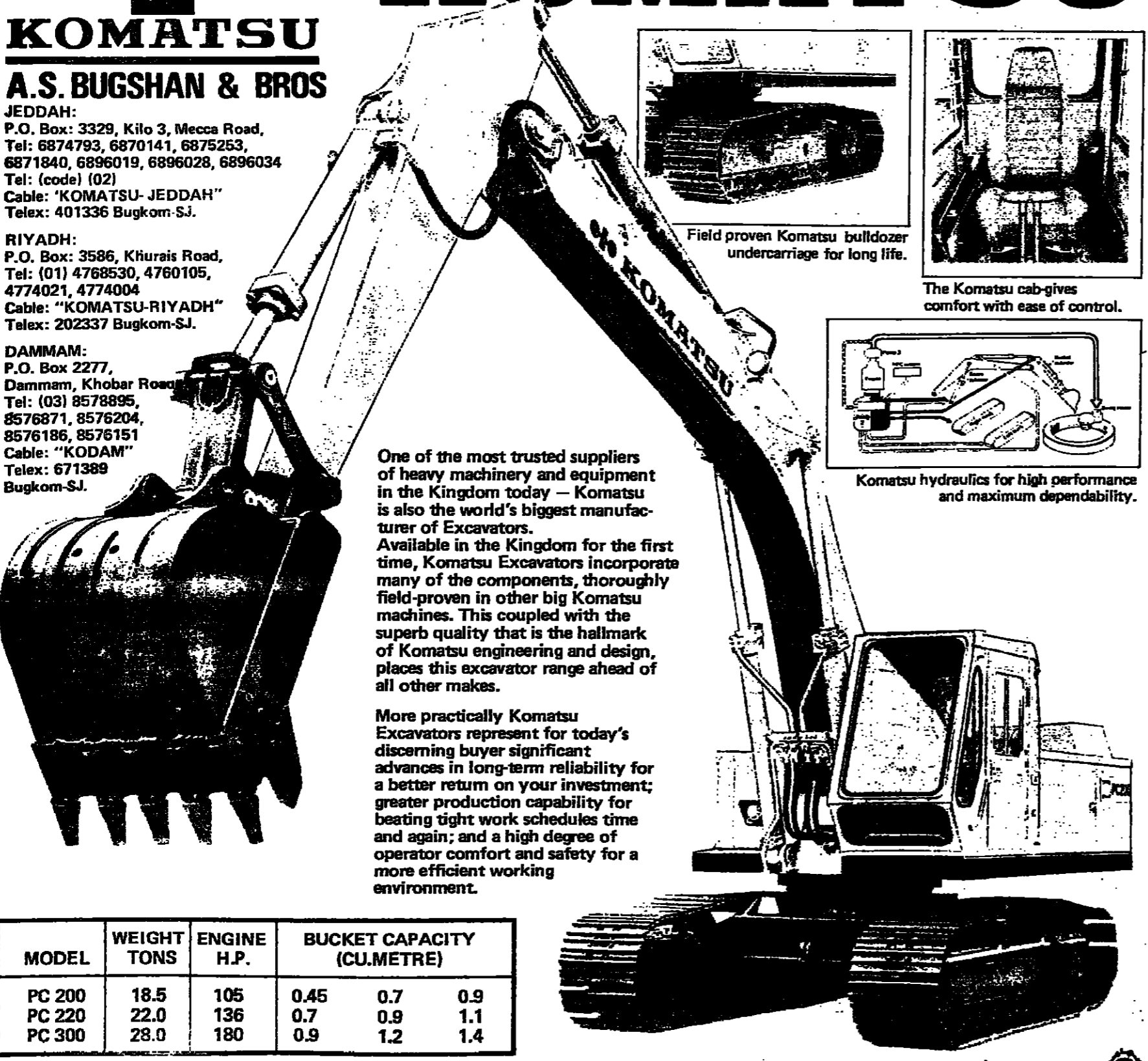


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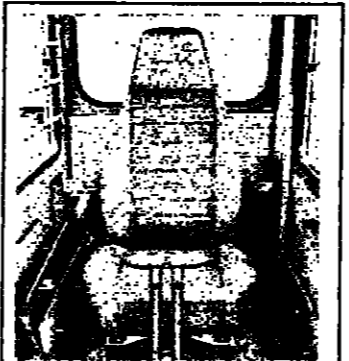
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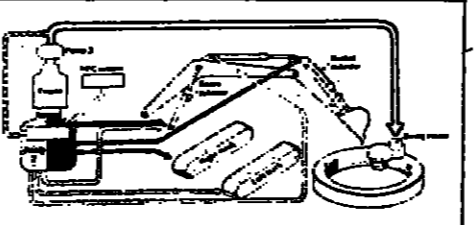
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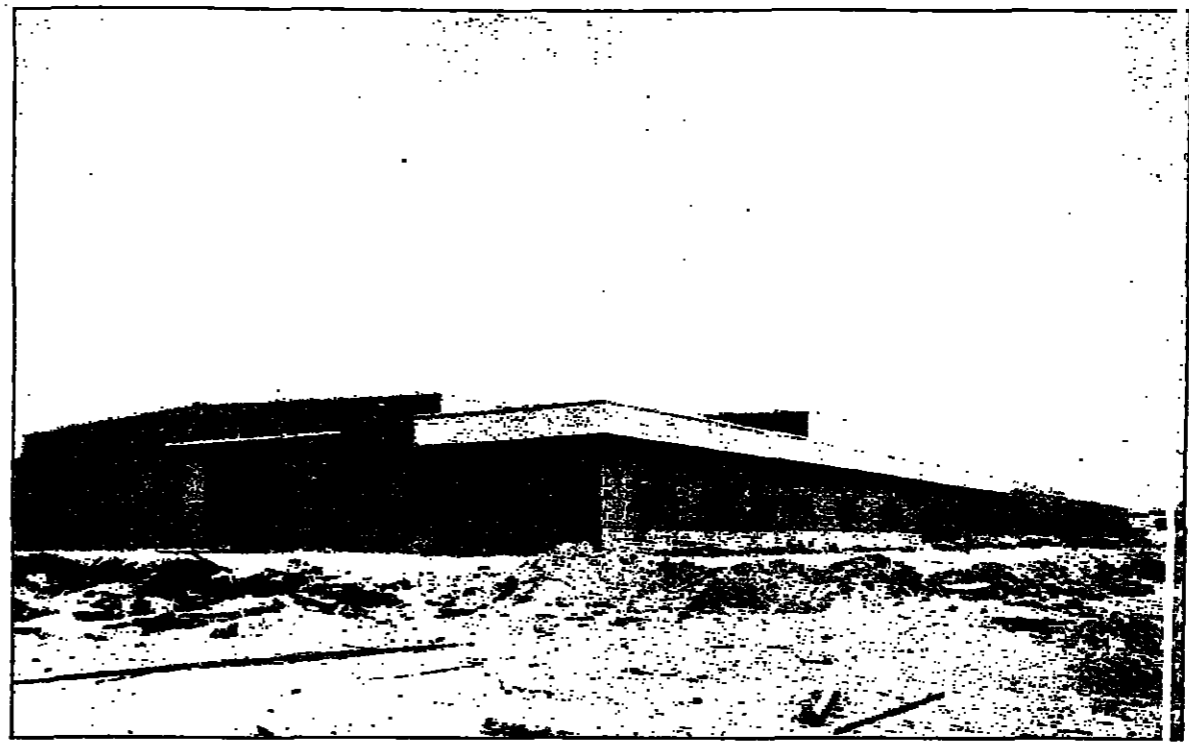
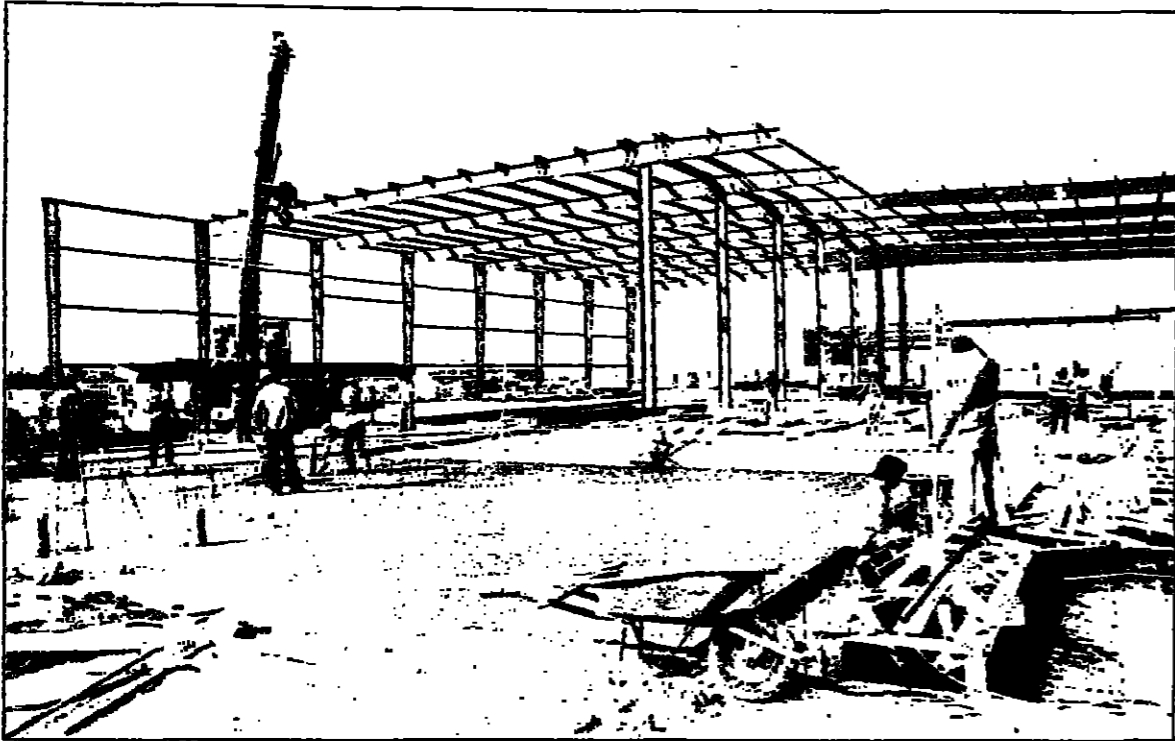
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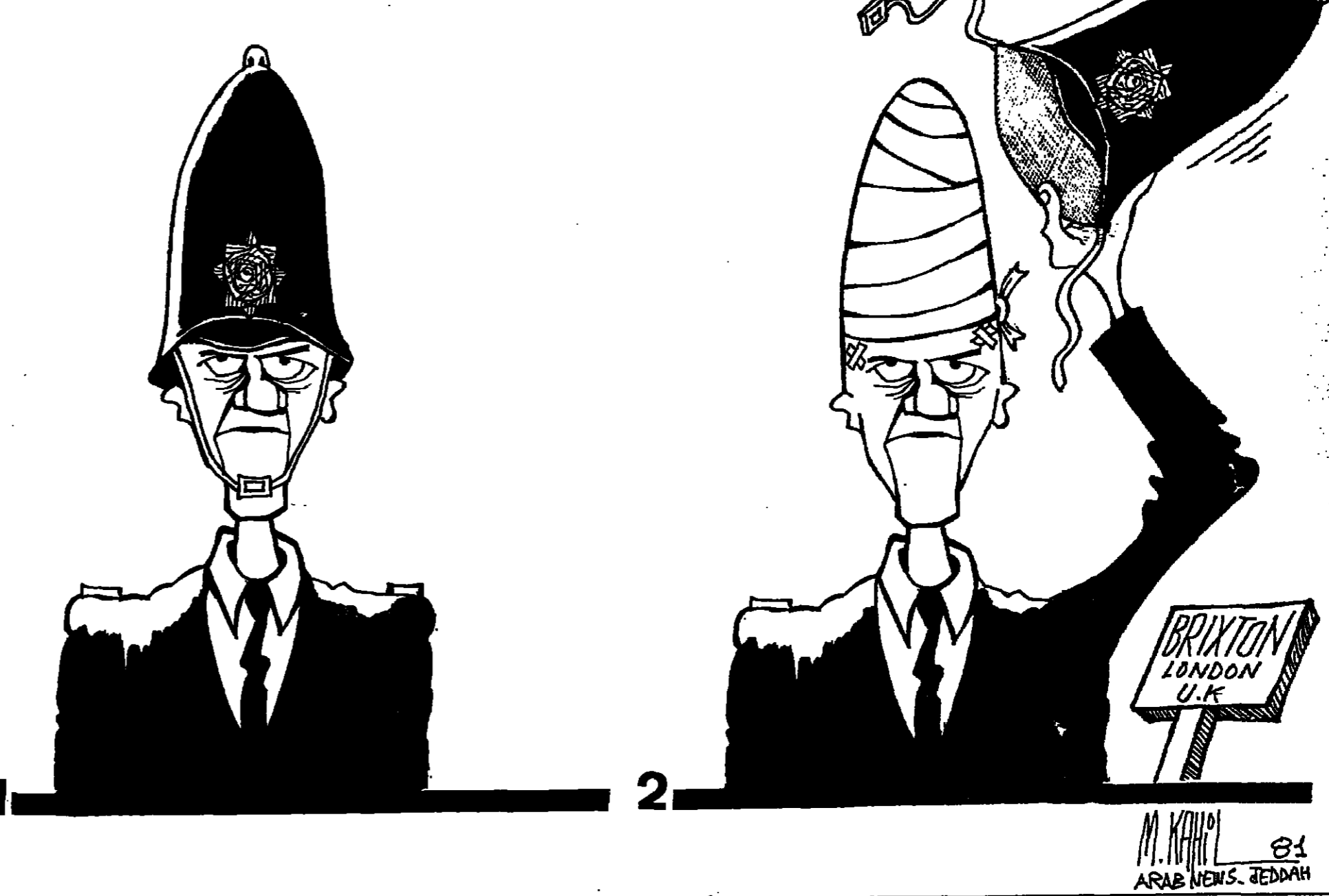
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U.K. black groups predict more racial outbursts

By Ed Blanche

LONDON — "Make no mistake, black people are here to stay," said radical black leader Darcus Howe. "History has placed a lot of us in circumstances that are unhealthy and barbaric. We have to stand firm."

"There's going to be a lot of social explosion as this society wrenches itself out of its racist postures."

Howe, a 38-year-old West Indian and editor of *Race Today*, echoed the sentiments of many of Britain's young non-whites who claim they are trapped in a web of discrimination, unemployment and mounting white hostility — with nowhere else to go.

The black slum in the center of Brixton, an impoverished South London district, exploded last weekend into four nights of fierce rioting by young blacks hurling bottled-gasoline bombs and paving stones at police. More than 200 people were reported injured, most of them white police officers. Scotland Yard said 207 rioters, virtually all of them young non-whites, were arrested.

It was the worst racial eruption in this country since large-scale non-white immigration to Britain began in 1948 when people from the Commonwealth countries of Asia, Africa and the West Indies started fleeing from political, social and economic disorders in their homelands.

The fighting and the bitterness that caused the rioting undermined the non-integration of the nation's 1.9 million non-whites, 40 percent of whom were born in Britain, into the mainstream of British life. Britain's population is 56 million.

The battle of Brixton, and the sight of London policemen, their faces dripping blood, charging into mobs of rioters brought the state of Britain's race relations into vivid focus. Britain has suffered periodic racial outbursts, but nothing on the scale or ferocity of the race riots that swept U.S. cities in the 1960s.

But as racial violence spreads to urban areas until recently untouched by trouble, Britons are beginning to wonder if it does not carry echoes of America's long hot summers. Non-white leaders and community relations officials have cited police harassment, unemployment, poor social conditions and racial discrimination as the root causes of the Brixton violence.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has denounced the rioters as "criminals" and rejected their claim that they acted out of frustration and anger and in the belief that by rioting they would demonstrate to whites that something is seriously wrong with Britain's race relations.

David Lane, chairman of the state-funded Commission for Racial Equality, recently urged Mrs. Thatcher's Conservative government to do more to stamp out racism as Britain's economic squeeze and the scramble for jobs heightened the sense of alienation among non-whites.

"The government has not done enough," he declared. "We'd like senior (cabinet) ministers to

speak out against discrimination, to show they mean business."

Courtney Laws, a West Indian community leader in Brixton, said after the riots: "It needs this sort of explosion to awaken the authorities and make them think about doing something."

The government has ordered Lord Scarman, a human rights advocate, to investigate the causes of the riots. But few non-white leaders believe it signals any dramatic change in official or public attitudes to what they term "a timebomb ticking away."

Most of the non-whites who came in 1948 took the jobs that whites no longer wanted — working on the subway, cleaning offices and sweeping streets. Many Asians opened neighborhood stores or took low-paid jobs in textile mills and factories. They concentrated in big cities, usually in the poorest areas vacated by whites, sticking together to preserve their identity and culture in what they saw as a hostile environment.

Mrs. Thatcher, who two years ago said Britain was being "swamped" by non-whites, has stopped husbands and fiancées of Asian immigrants from coming in — a move bitterly resented by non-whites.

Few non-whites have broken through the race barrier into the white establishment. There are only a handful of non-white judges and no non-whites in the House of Commons. Lord David Pitt, a West Indian doctor, is the sole non-white in the House of Lords.

A recent report of the Commission for Racial Equality said that unemployment among non-

whites is rising four times faster than for whites. As of last Nov. 30, 82,500 non-whites were unemployed in Britain, about 4.4 per cent of the national jobless total although non-whites make up only 3.2 per cent of the population. John Grant, the opposition Labor Party's spokesman on employment, noted: "Black (non-white) unemployment is potentially the most explosive issue."

An employment department report noted that racial discrimination in jobs remains a major problem, despite legislation outlawing it. Overt discrimination is rare now, but the report said, "Concealed and indirect discrimination persists."

The Commission for Racial Equality said it tested employers in Nottingham, a pleasant Midlands city little touched by racial animosity, by having a white, a black and an Asian, all equally qualified, apply for 103 different jobs. Half the companies refused to even interview the two non-whites. All asked to talk to the white.

Worst bit of all are the young non-whites, most of whom were born in Britain. Having been educated here in racially mixed state schools, they are less willing to accept the menial jobs their immigrant parents did.

On the other side are the National Front and the British Movement, Britain's two main neo-fascist organizations, which claim that non-whites are taking whites' jobs. They often march in cities demanding an end to all non-white immigration and the repatriation of ethnic minorities.

Enoch Powell, a maverick right-wing member of parliament, fueled alarm in March by saying that Britain faces "civil war" unless there is wholesale

repatriation of non-whites. Six Conservative legislators echoed his call for repatriation after the Brixton riots. The Joint Committee Against Racial Discrimination, umbrella group for a score of non-white organizations, reported 1,000 serious attacks by whites on non-whites over the last 18 months, more than double the number a couple of years ago.

"These attacks are getting worse all the time," said Muhammad Ashgar, 27-year-old Pakistani coordinator of a self-help group in London's Southall district, known as "Little India," where half the 60,000 population is non-white.

"Last week a bunch of these thugs beat up a 14-year-old Pakistani boy, poured molten wax over his face and chest, causing second-degree burns. Then as a final injury they painted his face white."

Young non-whites are forming self-defense groups, usually armed with clubs, and organizing karate classes. White leftist vigilantes prowled the streets of Asian areas to protect them from hostile whites.

Authorities also are alarmed at the relations between police and non-whites who accuse the law-enforcement agencies of harassment and brutality. There have been a score of clashes between young non-whites and police in a dozen cities in the last 18 months. The police deny discriminating against non-whites, but say that street narcotics offenses are increasing rapidly in non-white areas.

Community relations officials in Brixton, where the rioting was sparked by detectives trying to arrest a young non-white, reported in January that "few black people feel safe on the streets any more" because of police harassment. (AP).

Military aid tops Shahi's talks in U.S.

By Michael Fahers

ISLAMABAD —

U.S. defense and economic aid for Pakistan, a country Washington considers in the frontline against Soviet expansionism, will be the main topic of talks next week between Foreign Minister Agha Shahi and U.S. officials. Shahi left for Washington Saturday and is due to meet Secretary of State Alexander Haig on Monday, the highest level contact so far between the Reagan administration and Pakistan's government.

Western diplomats said the meeting would mark the second phase of negotiations between the two countries which began in Islamabad earlier this year between U.S. Ambassador Arthur Hummel and Pakistani President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq.

The diplomats said either side sees Shahi's visit as a climax to the talks and further high-level contacts in either Washington or Islamabad were expected. U.S. foreign policy-makers have given added weight to relations with Pakistan since the 1979 Soviet military intervention in neighboring Afghanistan.

Former President Carter's national security

adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski, visited Pakistan shortly after the Soviet intervention and the Carter administration subsequently offered a \$400 million military-economic aid package. Zia described the offer at the time as "peanuts." Relations had previously been soured by U.S. charges that Pakistan was developing nuclear weapons. Despite Pakistani denials this led Washington to suspend food aid in 1979 under the so-called Symington Amendment.

President Reagan's administration is seeking an exception to the amendment which would waive its restrictions in the case of countries where the United States saw its strategic interests at stake. Details of the defense and economic package being negotiated have not been revealed. But diplomats monitoring the negotiations said Western press reports that it involved \$500 million annually for a period of three to four years was a reasonable assumption.

Pakistan's main defense requirement is to build up its military infrastructure along the western border with Afghanistan, military sources said. Most of the country's army faces India on the eastern border and along the ceasefire line disputed Kashmir. The

sources said the armed forces wanted air defense equipment, missile systems and interceptor planes that could also be used for close battlefield support and communications and radar.

A Western diplomat commented: "The Americans want to assist Pakistan in a way that it feels confident to face the threatening situation in Afghanistan. A weak Pakistan which could cavort to Soviet pressures is not in the West's interests."

Shahi is considered the architect of Pakistan's new nonaligned status which developed gradually after a disastrous 1971 war with India and the downfall of the Shah in neighboring Iran.

Shahi has repeatedly declared that the three pillars of Pakistan's foreign policy are nonalignment, ties with the Islamic world and its 20-year-old friendship with China.

Senior Pakistani officials are keen that any new link with the United States should not undermine the country's nonalignment. Diplomats here said the United States was aware of the Pakistani position and was trying to work out a relationship that would permit economic and military assistance without affecting this nonaligned status. (R)

WELCOME THATCHER!

Mrs. Margaret Thatcher comes at a time of improved relations with Saudi Arabia after a period of strain which was, fortunately, ended by a mixture of British diplomacy and Saudi Arabian readiness to turn over a new leaf. But better bilateral relations in themselves do not mean that all is fine, since the Kingdom is also an Arab country with a basic commitment to the well-being of the Arab world.

The defeat of the British Labor Party in the last general elections gave some Arabs a little hope that British policy toward the Middle East question might also undergo a change for the better — that is for a measure of justice and a show of courage in dealing with the Palestinian issue. The Labor Party, particularly under Harold Wilson, had been grossly unfair in its Middle East policy largely because of Wilson's own romantic enchantment with the Zionist movement since his college days. This was reflected in his attitude toward a problem substantially of Britain's own creation.

These hopes have been dashed by Mrs. Thatcher's government both with regard to a possible European "initiative" and to the Palestine Liberation Organization. The so-called initiative has been no more than a polite "recommencement" that was made so cautiously and couched in such ambiguous terms that it was rejected by the PLO and derided by most Arab governments. Out of courtesy only, some Arab governments termed it a positive, if small, step in the right direction. Much more should be done to make it worthwhile and to enable it to mirror the power of the European Economic Community of which Britain is an important constituent.

It is Britain's disregard of the PLO that has aroused most Arab wrath. Thatcher said her government did not recognize such political opposition groups but only governments. Unlike Reagan she had the wisdom not to denounce it as a terrorist, although without Britain's enforced mandate on Palestine and the evil Balfour Declaration the Palestinians, Arabs as well as Jews and Christians, would have been coexisting in a peace, at least much better than that of the Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland.

What Thatcher said about the PLO is not quite the whole truth, because the British government of Winston Churchill not only recognized the French resistance of World War II, but gave it aid and comfort and allowed Charles De Gaulle to operate from British soil as a virtual government-in-exile. Understandably, Britain was at war with Nazi Germany then, and the Germans were occupying France, but the present British government is glaringly inexact in maintaining its non-recognition of the PLO is a cardinal principle of statecraft.

Perhaps this is somewhat harsh on the Thatcher government because it is not taking into serious consideration the American influence on British policy in this particular part of the world. There is some justification in that Britain recognized and maintained diplomatic relations with Communist China 20 years before the U.S. followed suit.

If the Arabs are at loggerhead with Britain it is because the latter is a world power that they want to befriend, but not under any circumstances. They would like to see a more even-handed policy by the power that led to the transplantation of Israel in the Arab body politic which, in turn, led to the decimation of the original organ. Except that, in this case, the original organ, is made up of over three million human beings.

There is some hope still left. The PLO and behind them the Arabs have waited agonizingly long for a shift in world public opinion in favor of justice, and it is their wish to see some British awareness of their tragedy. Hopefully, her visit to the Arab states of the Peninsula might persuade her that it is time for such a fair approach to one of the major catastrophes of history.

As to the Gulf, Thatcher has already qualified its government's readiness to send naval patrols to police the oil-producing area by saying that she would consider sending assistance if requested, and not in advance of such an appeal. She could do a lot better by helping these states defend themselves through weapons sales. The more foreign powers are prowling in the region, the higher the tension and, therefore, the greater is the potential for a conflagration.

The Kingdom wants this region to be a zone of peace and prosperity for all mankind. It is already of crucial importance to the welfare of a large part of the world from Cleveland to Kobe via Cardiff.

Thatcher can help maintain it this way with enhanced understanding of the viewpoints of the people concerned. Her own country can benefit considerably from increased trade which she will be seeking during her present tour, and there is a lot that Britain can offer by way of trade and technical aid.

If she returns home with a more sympathetic appreciation of the joys and woes of the people here, her visit would have been successful.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's visit to Riyadh Sunday was highlighted as the lead story in *Al-Jazirah* and *Al-Bilad* Saturday. *Al-Bilad* also said King Khaled would pay an official visit to Britain next June at the invitation of Queen Elizabeth II. Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal's visit to Nepal, which marked the end of his South Asian tour, was prominently covered as a lead story by *Al-Nadwa*, while *Al-Madina* gave lead coverage to a statement by Interior Minister Prince Naif, who said that the rules on boycott and the Consultative Council (Shoura) were in the final stages, and that the scope of Saudi Arabian nationality was still open for those who were born in the Kingdom. *Okaz* led with Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan's reaffirmation that only the Lebanese can determine the extent of the need for the international forces in their country.

Newspapers frontpaged a report on the last leg of the foreign minister's tour of Asian countries. Prince Saud, who arrived in Kathmandu Friday, was scheduled to hold discussions with Nepalese officials on bilateral relations and other matters of mutual concern. The British prime minister's impending visit to Saudi Arabia was another prominent page one story in the newspapers, which quoted the Kingdom's ambassador in London, Sheikh Nasser Al-Manqour, as saying that the visit would serve mutual interests.

The meeting of the Jerusalem Committee in Riyadh next Thursday figured prominently in *Okaz*, while *Al-Bilad* quoted Pakistani Foreign Minister

Agha Shahi as saying he would discuss his country's defensive capability in the light of the Soviet threats during his forthcoming visit to Washington.

In an editorial on Interior Minister Prince Naif's call on the people to realize the need for preserving the country's values and traditions, *Al-Madina* agreed that the Saudi society should not be affected by the customs and traditions of aliens coming to work or just for a visit to the Kingdom. The paper said that the responsibility lies equally both on officials and citizens. It said that while the state does everything possible to safeguard the country's security and stability, it also becomes the responsibility of the individual to be discerning in the selection of aliens engaged in employment in the country.

Dealing with the Kingdom's stances on various issues of the world, *Al-Bilad* noted that international respect for Saudi Arabia's policy during the past 50 years reflects this country's firm and clear-cut policy on the world issues. It said that the British premier's visit to Riyadh begins Sunday with a firm conviction that the Kingdom's stance is firm and unambiguous. As Britain is striving to strengthen its relations with Saudi Arabia, it would give a new force to the issues of the region, the paper added.

Okaz also discussed the Kingdom's stances, reaffirming that they need no defenses as they emanate from a clear and independent strategy. Saudi Arabia's stances on Arab, Islamic and Gulf issues derive inspiration for a firm belief in its belonging to the world community. Therefore, no one should be taken by surprise if this country bears the standard

of peace and prosperity, for it is the eternal message of Islam, it said.

Writing editorially on Washington's interests in the Middle East, *Al-Nadwa* expressed surprise over the U.S. continuous negligence toward the right causes. America's continuous support for the Zionist expansionist activities, even at the cost of its own interests, has worsened the situation in the Middle East, it said. The paper referred to the Kingdom's request for sophisticated weapons and expressed fears of a possible delay in the supply of some portions of the arms' deal as a result of the Zionist pressure on the U.S. administration. It said, however, that the matter brings the U.S. before two options: either to meet the Kingdom's demand or to succumb to Zionist pressure.

Discussing the European initiative, *Al-Jazirah* observed that European diplomacy knows well how to play its card of "Middle East initiative" with the Arab states. In the paper's view, Europe wants to benefit from the time factor by trying to delay the announcement of the initiative. It also wants to give enough time to the new U.S. administration to frame its Middle East policy — taking into consideration the fact that Europe is a strategic ally of Washington and there ought to be a proximity of views between the two. The paper also said that though the U.S. and Europe hold divergent views on the recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), it is completely ruled out that they will fall apart in the Middle East because of this difference.



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Poll reveals

Work spirit still strong in U.S.

By Harry Bernstein

LOS ANGELES, (LAT) — Intense and growing competition from foreign countries, especially Japan, has prompted a belief that the United States is losing economic battles in large part because American workers are not as interested in work as they once were and would like to quit if they could. But a *Los Angeles Times* poll found that there is strong evidence that the United States has not lost its basic work ethic.

The poll showed that 70 per cent of those interviewed said they would continue working even if they were able to get enough money to live as comfortably as they like for the rest of their lives without working. And instead of believing that they are already working as hard as they can, which would indicate a reluctance to attempt more work, most Americans apparently believe that they are capable of more production.

Two thirds of those polled agreed with the statement that American workers are not turning out as much work each day as they should or could, and well over half said that they could accomplish more on the job each day if they tried.

Of individuals in families earning under \$10,000, 54 per cent hold that workers other than themselves could work harder. The same view is held by 65 per cent of those earning from \$10,000 to \$30,000 and 76 per cent of those earning over \$30,000 a year.

The poll interviewed 1,681 adults nationwide by telephone. Poll Director I.A. Lewis said the margin of error is 4 per cent in either direction. Many Americans often contend that their forefathers worked harder and therefore had a stronger work ethic than people today. Workers of earlier days did struggle to get jobs because the alternative was often hunger and deprivation.

Today, unemployment benefits and other forms of help for jobless workers ease the pressure to take any job that comes along. Yet the vast majority of Americans say they would work even if they did not have to and

believe that they should be working harder than ever, a sign that the work ethic is still strong. The poll also shows that today's workers expect more from their jobs than just a paycheck.

In fact, having an "interesting job," is rated as the most important factor in achieving job satisfaction. Next in importance is a sense of accomplishment on the job, followed by having work that gives some prestige. Money was ranked fourth by those responding to the poll as a means of achieving job satisfaction.

Perhaps because there is less pressure today to work just to survive, only 12 per cent of those interviewed said that they regard work as the most important thing in their lives. Family life and other matters are given much higher priorities. But generally, life is not as satisfying to most people as their jobs are.

While 66 per cent of those interviewed said that they were "very satisfied" with their jobs, only 41 per cent said that they were very satisfied with their lives in general. That does not seem to mean that America is a nation of malcontents.

When asked if they were "somewhat satisfied" with their lives, 43 per cent said yes. Only 15 per cent said they were actually dissatisfied with their lives. Only about 7 per cent said they were dissatisfied with their jobs. Even the majority of those in low-income brackets — family incomes of less than \$10,000 a year — said that they were either very satisfied or somewhat satisfied with their lives. Only 21 per cent said they were dissatisfied.

The poll showed that 47 per cent of Americans believe doing things on or off the job that give them "personal satisfaction and pleasure" is more important than "working hard and doing what is expected" of them. In other words, almost half of workers don't want to be simply order-takers on the job. Yet even in this era of what some call the "me generation," 76 per cent of all Americans say that the most important thing in life is working hard and doing what is expected of them.

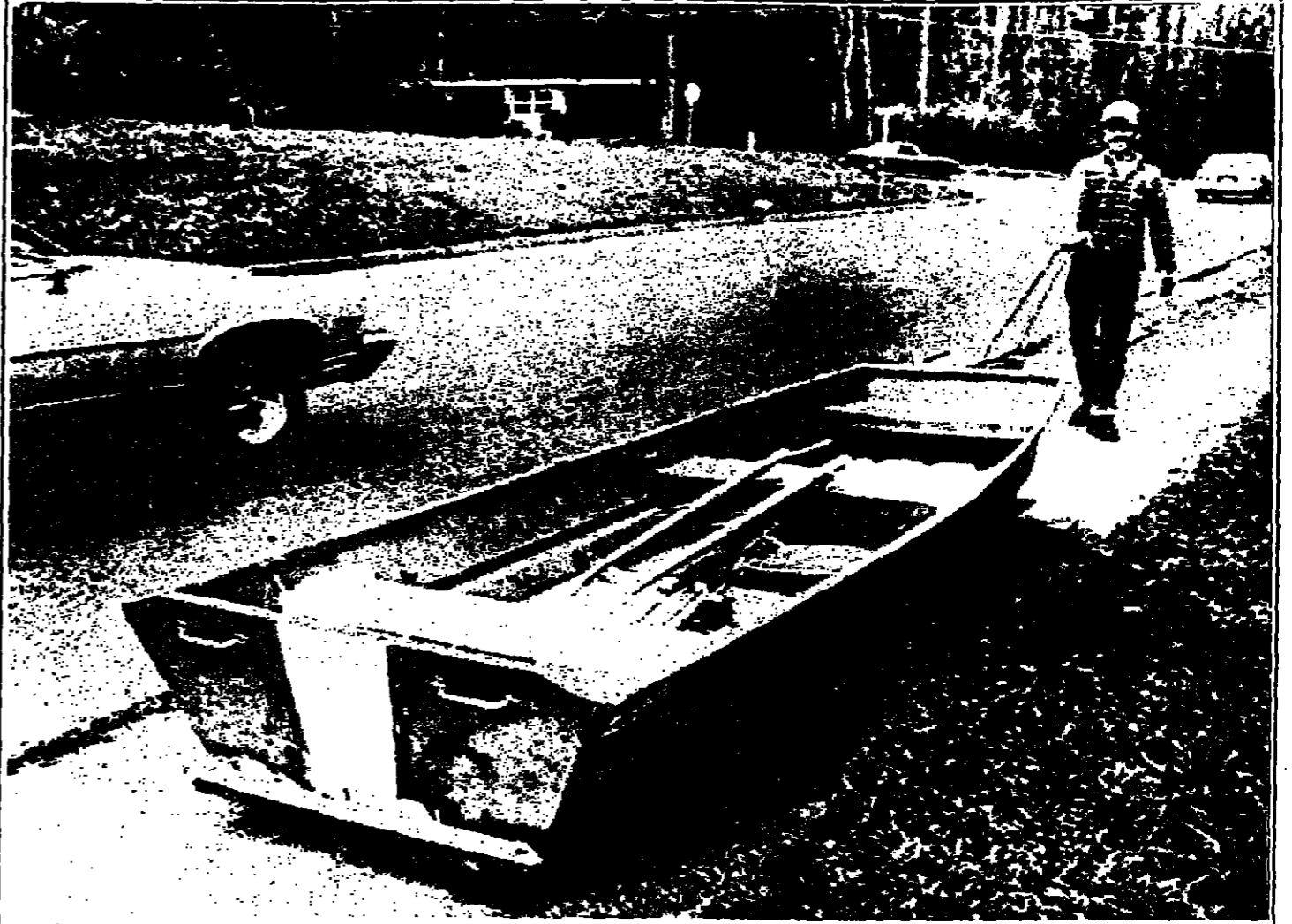
The poll results generally indicate that while Americans still have a strong work ethic, the values they attach to their jobs are changing. A growing number of industrial and union leaders believe that new, more cooperative managerial methods must be used to tap the nation's continuing work ethic since it no longer seems to be enough just to give a few more dollars in pay.

Companies like General Motors, American Telephone and Telegraph and other giant corporations say they know workers want bigger paychecks but that their jobs, too, must be made more interesting if America's productivity level is to increase. Other sets of values involving work also seem to be changing in America, including the public's view of women at work.

Almost half of all women now work, and the women's liberation movement is clearly gaining ground. But 61 per cent of all Americans believe "it is much better for everyone involved if the man is the achiever outside the home and the woman takes care of the home and the family." Among low-income families, 70 per cent say men should be the outside achievers. About 61 per cent of those earning from \$10,000 to \$30,000 a year hold the same view, as do 52 per cent in families earning above \$30,000.

Among women, 59 per cent want men to be the outside achiever, while 64 per cent of the men surveyed said they should be the family achievers. Respondents to the poll were evenly split on the question of whether a "working mother can establish as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work."

Not surprisingly, perhaps, 62 per cent of women who work see no reason why working mothers cannot have as good a relationship with their children as non-working mothers. Among non-working women, 57 per cent believe work interferes with a mother's relations with her children. Men were split evenly on the question.



LONG HAUL: Robert L. Rogers lives 1 1/2 miles from Onota Lake. He has a boat and an urge to fish, but no car to haul the boat. So he rigged up a wheeled platform and pulls the boat to the lake. Rogers didn't say how the fishing was, but said he "catches" strange glances from passing motorists.

American cowboys desert ranches

By Marguerite Heroux

CHEYENNE, Wyoming (AP) — It seems "home on the ranches" is where fewer and fewer men in Wyoming want to be, when they can get better money for being in the mines or on the oil rigs." The cowboy state has a shortage of cowboys and other ranch hands.

Agriculture officials say that over the past five years, the number of hired hands working Wyoming's 30.2 million acres (12.1 million hectares) of range and pastures has declined from 6,000 to 4,000.

The exodus has come primarily from Wyoming's mineral development. Many hands, even those who grew up on ranches, have traded the life of the open range for the mines or oil fields.

"It's just about as bad as it can get," says Dean Prosser, president of the Wyoming stockgrowers association. "Generally speaking, a young, reasonably smart, strong young man can go to the oil field and get a job. Money is pretty attractive, and as ranchers, you can't blame them."

The state's ranchers have tried to keep up with the workload by investing in labor-saving machinery and increasing the family workforce. The number of family members working on the range increased from 9,000 in 1975 to 10,000 in 1980, according to the Wyoming crop and livestock reporting service.

Some ranchers also have turned to illegal immigrants. The situation in Wyoming is worse than elsewhere in the West, where larger populations apparently have been able to accommodate job openings in both agriculture and mineral industries. In Utah, Sherm Harner, executive director of the Utah cattlemen's association, says he has people walking in and looking for jobs and he cannot place them. Stockgrowers in Montana

similarly reports no shortage.

Texas ranchers are not having problems finding hands, but Charles Rollins of the Texas cattlegrowers association says he is sure some cowboys have gone to the oil fields. "You always have people willing to go to better paying, easier jobs than being a cowboy," Rollins says. The shortage has been felt across Wyoming, except in the drought-stricken northeastern corner of the state where ranch operations have been curtailed.

According to the Wyoming state employment service, beginning pay for a single hand on a Wyoming ranch is \$500 to \$800 a month, plus room and board. A foreman with some experience might be worth \$800 a month, plus room and board. If the foreman has a wife who can help out, the couple could get \$1,000 a month, with room, board and transportation provided.

The average gross pay for a mineral miner is \$471 a week, while the average coal mining salary is \$521 a week. Oil field pay averages \$478 a week.

It is not just Wyoming hands who are leaving the range for the state's energy fields. Jim Berreth, 35, who raised on his family's ranch near Pierre, South Dakota, has spent the past five years working at the Jacob's ranch coal mine south of Gillette.

Berreth runs a front-end loader at the mine, earning \$580 a week. "You're your own boss" in ranch work, Berreth concedes, but he says he would return to it only "if there was absolutely nothing else."

Sue Wallis, 23, who grew up on her family's spread at Bitter Creek in Northern Wyoming, also is working at the Jacob's ranch mine.

"Ranch life is something you can fall in love with," she said, but with a son to support she says she needs the \$500 a week she earns as a shovel oiler. The person taking a ranch

job also can expect long, hard hours of outdoor work. Living accommodations, added Dave Marshall of the state employment office in Cheyenne, usually are not deluxe. Not just anyone will do either, Marshall says.

A ranch hand must command a wide range of skills. He has to be able to help cows calve, administer minor veterinary care and do fencing. It helps if he can run equipment such as a baler, do mechanical work such as welding, and ride a horse. Ranchers can hire students during the summer, but in the spring, when ranch operations are busiest, experienced hands are scarce, said Eddie Moore, a rancher in central Wyoming's converse county whose two sons now run the family's 80,000-acre (32,000 hectares) spread.

Moore said ranchers generally need one man for every 1,000 head of cattle. For his ranch, with a thousand head of cattle and 6,700 sheep, his sons and their wives employ two other couples and take on an extra five or six hired hands for seasonal work. Moore said.

"Most of the good hands are hired by reputation," he said. "Some of the good boys in towns usually know who's out of work. It's just nobody is out of work, no good hands."

Prosser, the stockgrowers association president, said some ranchers hire Mexican immigrants for work in feed lots and some hay operations. Sometimes, ranchers go to nearby oil rigs for seasonal help, says Lawrence Cook, a rancher in Unita County in southwestern Wyoming where new oil and gas discoveries come almost monthly.

Moore said he understands why life on a ranch may not appeal to some. "Most ranches are a long way from town," he says. "They have to be satisfied to stay in the country every Saturday night, put in long hours and like livestock."

'Laetrile not effective for cancer'

WASHINGTON, (AP) — "Laetrile has been tested. It is not effective." In these blunt words, Dr. Charles G. Moertel of the Mayo Clinic recently announced the wholly negative results of a \$500,000, federally financed study of the most controversial anti-cancer drug in medical history. Of 156 patients, all with cancers that either had not responded or were not likely to respond to other treatments, 102 are now dead, just nine months after the beginning of the study last July at four medical centers.

All the other 54 have seriously "progressive cancer," which did not respond to laetrile

treatment. These results, Moertel said, are "about the same" that would be expected if the doctors had given the patients either a placebo — dummy pills with no effectiveness — or "no treatment at all." The results, Moertel said, are both "decisive" and "disappointing," given the fact that so many unrecruited patients have continued to seek out laetrile as a last hope.

But "we hope," he added, that these results will end "the exploitation of desperate cancer patients" by some doctors and others who still offer patients laetrile in the United States and abroad. Moertel reported for the

four centers that made the study: The famed Mayo, where he is director of cancer treatment; Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York; the University of California at Los Angeles; and the University of Arizona in Tucson.

He made the report to the American Society for Clinical Oncology, the country's cancer specialists. Laetrile has been on the scene as a medically unaccepted cancer drug since the 1950s. Twenty-three legislatures and the federal courts, have declared its use illegal. "Physicians who opposed laetrile," Moertel said, "were portrayed as entering into an unholy conspiracy with regulator agencies and drug companies to deprive cancer patients of beneficial treatment." To solve what he called this "major and unresolved public health problem... involving tens of thousands of cancer patients in direct treatment" with laetrile, Moertel and others urged the federally sponsored trial.

The trial, he said, was made the same kind of laetrile or amygdalin, a derivative of apricot pits, used by most laetrile doctors in the United States and Mexico. Also, all the patients were placed on the same "metabolic program" used by most laetrile practitioners, a combination of enzymes and vitamins and advice to eat fresh fruits, vegetables and whole grains and restrict use of animal products, salt, alcohol and refined sugar and flour.

In all, 164 patients entered the study. Some died of causes unrelated to cancer or left the program. Of the 156 treated for up to eight months, only five showed any improvement at all for more than two months, then they, too, began getting worse. Among 140 who had any actual discomfort from their cancers before the treatment started, only 26 claimed that even their symptoms improved at any time. And after another 10 weeks only a fourth of these still said they felt any better. Laetrile advocates have often claimed their patients "feel better" even when their cancers remain.

The patients received laetrile by injection for 21 days then took laetrile pills three times a day. Few had any serious ill effects. But Moertel warned that some laetrile doctors are doubling their usual laetrile dose and this "could be lethal."



METHOD: One of methods of cancer treatment is a megavoltage linear accelerator which produces intense beams of high energy X-ray for the treatment of cancer conditions. Here, a patient undergoes the treatment.

Picasso's 'secret' paintings attract tourists

By Dennis Redmont

Italy (AP) — One century after Pablo Picasso is outdrawing some of his most famous "secret" paintings and sketches, the artist's secret sites of this lagoon city with "secret" paintings and sketches are being explored by his granddaughter, the artist's daughter, who never visited Venice before. But the arrival of his works on the Venice biennale, sealed in vans aboard two barges escorted by six launches packed by carabinieri police, has generated enough discussion to last another 50 years.

While the Venice exhibit does not intend to rival the posthumous Picasso shows at New York's Museum of Modern Art and in Paris, which more than one million persons lined up to see, we felt that the public had not seen all there was to see," explained Giovanni Carandente, an Italian art historian who assembled the show. "We wanted to show a different artist from the one we used to know and heard all the secrets of his workshop." Until his death in 1973 at age 92, Picasso frequently scribbled on his works "ni faire voir, ni faire vendre" (neither to see nor to sell), confining many of them to the storeroom of his castle in Mougins, France or with relatives.

Hundreds of paintings, sketches, ceramics and sculptures accumulated dust for seven years while Picasso's descendants wrangled over the inheritance because the artist had left a formal testament. Carandente, with the help of art dealer Jan Krugier, convinced

Marina Ruiz, daughter of Picasso's late son Paulo, to allow exhibit of some of the 1,000 works she had in her possession. Two-thirds have never gone on view before.

After 86 days in Venice's renovated Palazzo Grassi, the exhibit will move in July to Munich, Cologne, Frankfurt and Zurich before returning to Picasso's granddaughter. Carandente has binged much of the "Picasso 1895-1973" show on a heretofore neglected period in Picasso's career — his 1917-1918 trip to Italy with the famous Russian ballets, during which he fell in love with Olga Kokhlova, the ballerina daughter of a Czarist general. Picasso later married her and she gave birth to his only son Paulo.

Olga's portrait adorns the streets of Venice, peering out on to the canals in the fashion of an Italian renaissance painting advertising the exhibit. Italian painter Renato Guttuso, a long-time friend of Picasso, recalls how the artist was mesmerized by the renaissance paintings of Raffaello at the Vatican, and deeply affected by a trip to the classical frescoes of the Roman city of Pompeii, near Naples.

Several points show colors similar to renaissance painter Fra Angelico. An anonymous 15th-century painting hanging in Palermo, Sicily, "the triumph of death" is shown as the probable inspiration for the world-famous "Guernica," hanging in the New York museum of Modern Art which commemorates a Spanish civil war bombing. Thousands have trooped to Venice to see the show since it opened two weeks ago, flooding

through the gates at the rate of 70 per minute, or more than 20,000 a week, forming long lines snaking around the palace. That rate is higher than visitors to the Belltower of St. Mark's Square or the Doges' Palace.

"Some art critics and visitors complain they have been taken for ride. They say there are no major known works in the show and they find the many abstract portraits hard to understand. The cost of entrance, \$4, is high by local standards, they say.

"Missing are those works, which we have been and digested through books, and which we can recognize and further appreciate," commented the Rome daily newspaper *La Repubblica*.

"People have heard the name of Picasso one thousand times, know that he was great, ready to struggle to understand, but they leave the exhibit with the impression of being too ignorant having been robbed," the paper said. "The official visitor's book reflects the climate: 'Picasso, you're lucky that the world is full of donkeys,' wrote one visitor. 'We are robbed,'" said another. "If you don't understand, stay home."

Stic Valerio Riva, writing in the weekly *Europeo*, urged visitors to ignore polemics and charges that Carandente had scraped together second rate works from dusty storerooms. "This is a fascinating autobiography in drawings, with the sketchesbooks preparing Picasso's most famous works. You must look at this exhibit of secret things which Picasso never wanted to show as a trip into the most intimate fantasy of an artist."

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Pakistan arms discussed

U.S., India disagree on nuclear supplies

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP) — Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig met Friday with Indian Foreign Secretary Eric Gonsalves, but they apparently were unable to resolve the longstanding conflict between the two nations over U.S. nuclear fuel supplies to India.

A U.S. official familiar with the talks declined to confirm or deny reports that the United States has decided to end the 18-year-old agreement under which the United States supplies nuclear fuel for the Indian atomic power plant at Tarapur. The official, who declined to be identified, would say only that discussions on the subject will continue.

In two days of talks with Haig and almost every top-level State Department official, Gonsalves and Homi N. Sethna, India's top nuclear official, were also told that the

Relief begins in storm-hit eastern India

NEW DELHI, April 18 (Agencies) — Relief and search operations have been launched in several tornado-devastated villages of eastern India where the death toll mounted to 150, news reports said Saturday. The government-run All India Radio said that doctors and medical workers from local branches of the International Red Cross were now in several villages of Keonjhar district, Orissa state, which were ravaged by Friday's freak storm.

The United news of India (UNI) said that 11 villages were hit by the tornado. A separate report said that 150 persons have died in the mishap which destroyed hundreds of mud and thatched huts, rendering homeless at least 6,000 persons. UNI also quoted area officials as saying that 33 bodies were recovered from the area and 350 injured persons hospitalized in district headquarters at Keonjhar.

Hundreds of cattle also perished in the disaster, which occurred three years after a similar tornado ripped through the district killing about 170 persons. Top state officials have travelled to the villages to survey the damage and Orissa Chief Minister J. B. Patnaik announced compensation of Rs. 500,000 (about \$62,500) to the people of the stricken region.

Witnesses said the afternoon sky turned brick red minutes before the tornado struck along the Baitarni River. Hundreds of policemen and volunteers were later involved in a massive rescue and relief operation, hampered by downed communications lines.

United States plans to proceed with a developing military relationship with Pakistan, despite protests from India. U.S. officials said they don't believe that such a relationship should contribute to heightened tensions in the region and added, "we certainly would not want to see an arms race on the subcontinent."

Also discussed was "a potential military relationship" between the United States and India, especially India's expressed interest in buying anti-tank missiles and Howitzers. The U.S. official said evolution, "at a measured pace," of the American relationship with Pakistan, long an adversary of India, was a focal point of the talks.

Pakistani officials are expected to arrive in Washington early next week to continue discussions about levels and types of U.S. military aid. "We said that whatever we may do for Pakistan is not directed against India," the U.S. official said. "We want good relations with both and we think this is possible."

"We told the Indians we believe a stronger and more self-confident Pakistan, capable of resisting Soviet pressures, is essential for the enhanced deterrence of Soviet expansionism which we seek," the official said.

The continuation of U.S. nuclear fuel shipments for the Tarapur reactor has been an irritant in relations between the two nations for several years. The fuel is supplied under a 1963 agreement that provides safeguards for its possible use in military programs.

But in 1978, after India detonated a nuclear device, Congress made such deliveries subject to a decision by India to open all its nuclear facilities, not just the one at Tarapur, to international inspection and safeguards.

India refused and claimed that a U.S. decision to suspend fuel deliveries would represent unilateral American repudiation of a bilateral agreement.

Nepal opens 35 peaks for expedition teams

KATMANDU, April 18 (AP) — Nepal's government Saturday opened 35 new peaks for mountaineering expeditions. With the addition of the new peaks, the number of the mountains opened for climbing in Nepal totals 122. Four among the newly-opened peaks are of over 8,000 meters in height. They are Cho-Oyu, 8,153 meters, Kanchenjunga central, 8,496 meters, Kanchenjunga south, 8,490 meters, and Lhotse Shar, 8,383 meters. There are more than 200 peaks higher than 6,000 meters in Nepal.



MASS EXECUTION SITE: Fresh remains are being uncovered at this mass execution site near Phnom Penh. According to the Kampuchean authorities the victims were tied together by rope — seen in the picture — before they were executed by followers of Premier Pol Pot who was ousted from power in early 1971.

Bid to form Kampuchean front

Sihanouk arrives in Peking for talks

PEKING, April 18 (Agencies) — Prince Norodom Sihanouk of Kampuchea arrived in Peking from North Korea Saturday to discuss Chinese aid to a proposed united front army to drive the Vietnamese from Kampuchea. The former head of state arrived by special plane from Pyongyang and was greeted by Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Huang Hua.

Sihanouk will meet Chinese leaders to discuss the possible formation of a united front with his old enemies, the Khmer Rouge, now fighting the Vietnamese. He also wants Chinese aid for a "Sihanoukist" army. The prince has said that in May he will hold further negotiations with Chinese leaders and Khmer Rouge representatives in Peking to discuss a United front and Chinese aid.

Last month Sihanouk met in North Korea with Khmer Rouge leader Khieu Samphan, but their talks were inconclusive. The prince complained the Khmer Rouge refuse to put down their arms if the Vietnamese leave Kampuchea and refuse to accept a United Nations peacekeeping force. Last week, however, Sihanouk said he would drop his demand for Khmer Rouge disarmament if China gives aid to his army, till to be recruited. The prince wants China to give, material, financial and medical assistance to his fighters. Diplomatic sources say China has agreed to give aid but said it cannot give massive

assistance. Sihanouk also must look to his supporters in the West for help, China says.

China has been exerting pressure on Sihanouk to form a united front with the Khmer Rouge. But he calls them the butchers of his people. China believes that only with the 30,000 soldiers of the Khmer Rouge can a united front drive the Vietnamese from Kampuchea. In Peking Sihanouk also is

Tutu passport seizure flayed by U.N. official

UNITED NATIONS, April 18 (AP) — The current head of the U.N. special committee against South African apartheid Friday criticized South Africa's seizure of Bishop Desmond Tutu's passport and called for "total sanctions" against that country.

Vladimir A. Kravets of the Ukraine, acting chairman of the committee, issued his statement here the day after police took the black Bishop's passport away from him at his home in Soweto because he had criticized South Africa abroad. Committee chairman B. Akporode Clark, a Nigerian, was in Algiers at a nonaligned conference.

Kravets said: "The international community must not only denounce the seizure of the passport of Bishop Tutu, but must respond urgently to the appeal for international action to eliminate apartheid and enable the South African people to establish a democratic society. If mist denounce and frustrate the current efforts by the friends of the racist regime to develop new links with it."

expected to seek meetings with ambassadors of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations — Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore and the Philippines. In Pyongyang Sihanouk met the representative of Indonesia, which does not have an embassy in Peking.

A small Kampuchean rebel faction has rallied to the prince. Western diplomats reported in Bangkok Saturday. They said the move appeared to be a first step toward the creation of Sihanoukist army. Diplomats said the faction commanded by Inn Sakhan, best known for his involvement in the black market, had thrown in with the ardently Sihanoukist national movement of Kampuchea, known by its French accord Moulinaka.

Zimbabwe pledges aid to Namibia

SALISBURY, Zimbabwe, April 18 (AP) — President Canaan Banana, speaking on the first anniversary of Zimbabwe's independence, pledged support Saturday for "liberation forces" fighting in South Africa and Southwest Africa (Namibia), the last bastions of white rule on the continent.

Banana, addressing the nation at Salisbury's Rufaro football stadium, condemned the Pretoria government "for its apartheid system and for consistently denying the people of Namibia their right to self-determination and sovereignty." Zimbabwe, through the 50-member Organization of African Unity (OAU) and through the United Nations, will "continue to support the liberation forces in southern Africa until social justice finally prevails," he declared.

Banana, speaking at one of scores of celebrations around the country to mark the former British colony's independence on April 18, 1980, paid tribute to rival political parties and races for helping to keep the peace during the past year. Zimbabwe won independence after a seven-year war that cost more than 20,000 lives, most of them black. It ended with a British-organized constitutional accord between Robert Mugabe and Joshua Nkomo on the one hand and white-backed Prime Minister Abel Muzorewa on the other.

Mugabe went on to win British-supervised elections in February 1980 after a ceasefire and then led the country to independence with Nkomo as his junior partner in a coalition government. Banana paid tribute to Nkomo's party "for the gesture of statesmanship in accepting the call to unity at a crucial stage in the history of our people."

U.S. President Ronald Reagan, one of the scores of heads of state to message Prime Minister Robert Mugabe and his socialist-oriented government on the anniversary, said: "You and your nation play a pivotal role in southern Africa and I am confident that the wise and moderate course you have chosen will be of enormous benefit to the people of Zimbabwe and to the ... region."

BRIEFS

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, California (AP) — The space agency has bumped back to next Thursday the scheduled departure of the space shuttle Columbia for the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, Florida. And in the meantime, technicians are working around the clock to get the spaceship ready for its piggy-back ride atop a specially designed Boeing 747, back to Florida.

LAS VEGAS, (R) — Five hundred persons were evacuated when a fire broke out in the Holiday Inn Hotel here Friday. The fifth hotel fire in this gambling city in five months. Five persons were treated for inhaling smoke, which swept through one of the hotel's guest towers, firemen said.

SEOUL, (R) — President Chun Doo-Hwan Saturday appointed 10 new justices of the supreme court, only three former judges of south area's highest court retaining their posts in a major reshuffle.

LISBON, (AP) — A rightist group opposed to the Marxist government of Mozambique cut power lines serving South Africa to strain already tense relations with that white-ruled southern neighbor, a spokesman for the group said Friday.

BONN, (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt Saturday reinforced his government's commitment to nuclear power and said the country must build its own reprocessing plant.

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U.S. set to lift grain ban on Russia

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan is likely to signal within two weeks his intention to lift the grain embargo against the Soviet Union if the Soviet threat to Poland continues to ease, U.S. officials say.

One official suggested that the administration also will disclose its readiness to begin talks with the Soviets aimed at limiting deployment of nuclear weapons in Europe, although actual talks might not begin for some time.

In both instances, the actions would be linked to recent Soviet good behavior in Poland. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. has softened his criticism of the Soviets in recent days as tensions have eased in and around Poland.

One high-State Department official said Friday that "the defusing of tensions in Poland makes it easier to negotiate" with the Soviets on all issues. For Reagan, a decision to lift the embargo would be welcome since it would keep a promise he made during the campaign to lift it once in office.

Several senior officials have said in the past week that they think the embargo will be lifted soon, and this was reinforced in background interviews with both State Department and Congressional sources Thursday and Friday. The officials offered their assessments only on the conditions they did not be identified by name.

A well-placed source on the Senate Agricultural Committee said Senator Jesse Helms, Republican-North Carolina, the committee chairman, has made it clear to the White House that it should make up its mind on the embargo by April 27, the deadline for preparing the 1983 farm bill. "We have explained to the administration what we perceive to be the chances for an administration bill and what it could do to improve its chances," he said. "The central feature is easing of the embargo."

"The convenience of doing it now would suggest to me this is the time to do it," said the source.

Iran seeks to extend caviar export markets

PARIS, April 18 (AP) — Iran wants to extend its exports of caviar to new markets, to replace buyer countries "linked with the old regime," Hazratzad, director general of the Iranian Fisheries, has said here.

"We must eliminate middlemen abroad and not supply only privileged clients, so that the consumer benefits from a fair price," said Hazratzad, who is making a tour of nine European countries.



TRADE FAIR: An overhead view of Palace of Nations inside the compound of the Milan International Trade Fair which opened in Milan, Italy, Tuesday. More than 9,000 exhibitors are taking part in the fair. (AP wirephoto)

Japan's trade surplus surges to \$6.77b

TOKYO, April 18 (R) — Japan has announced a sharply improved trade position in the 1980-81 financial year, created by soaring exports and a healthy inflow of foreign capital.

The country had record deficits the previous year. Its visible trade surplus surged to \$6.77 billion in 1980-81 from a \$2.44 billion deficit in 1979-80, the Finance Ministry said Friday. Meanwhile, its overall balance of payments deficit was a relatively small \$196 million, compared with \$18.95 billion the previous year.

The figures for financial year ending last month demonstrated Japan's basic economic strength in the face of a worldwide slump, financial analysts said.

But its trade boom could harm Japanese efforts to stem international criticism of its mounting exports, especially to the United States and the 10-nation European Economic Community (EEC).

Exports jumped 28 per cent to reach \$134.79 billion, while imports rose 19 per cent to \$28.02 billion. Much of the import gain was due to oil price rises.

Japan imports nearly all the crude oil it needs and oil price increases badly hurt its trade performance in 1979-80, after it reached a record visible surplus of more than \$20 billion in 1978-79.

But the 1980-81 improvement and robust 4.2 per cent real economic growth the 1980 calendar year suggest Japan has managed to shrug off the worst effects of the rise. These increased its annual oil purchase bill from \$32 billion to about \$66 billion in the past two years.

Despite worldwide slump

Japan seems likely to maintain this trend, the analysts said. The Finance Ministry said the visible trade surplus in March widened to \$2.15 billion nearly double the February surplus of \$1.38 billion and compared with a \$36 million deficit a year earlier. Exports in the month rose by 31 per cent over March 1980, while imports were up by 10 per cent.

The Finance Ministry said Japan's long-term capital account in 1980-81 showed a \$4.58 billion surplus after a deficit of \$8.44 billion in 1979-80. The surplus is the result of heavy foreign investment in Japanese stocks because of its economic strength.

In Washington, meanwhile, a key Senator said the U.S. Congress will almost certainly vote unilateral import curbs on Japanese cars for three years, unless Japan voluntarily reduces its share of the U.S. market.

Senator Bob Dole (Republican, Kansas),

who chairs the Senate Finance Committee, forecast this Thursday when he met 13 visiting parliamentarians of the Japanese Liberal-Democratic Party.

The senator told them draft legislation being submitted to the Senate limiting Japanese car imports to 1,600,000 units for a period of three years, a figure comparing with 1,900,000 million in 1980. "This bill has enough votes in the Senate to pass," according to Dole, who forecast a majority of 65 or 70 votes in the 100-seat upper house. The bill would reach the Senate Finance Committee on May 12.

Congressional sources said the visitors reiterated that Japanese car sales were not the main cause of U.S. car firms' problems. They suggested the U.S. federal authorities could do more to solve problems within the United States.

Reagan woos Democrats for support

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP) — White House political aides are launching an intensive lobbying campaign that will send former President Gerald Ford and other prominent Republicans into Democratic Congressional districts in the next few days to generate support for President Ronald Reagan's economic program.

The effort was described Friday by Lee Atwater, White House southern political coordinator, as "educational."

The White House has targeted 65 Demo-

cratic members of the house whose conservative views make it likely they will break with their own party leaders and support of the budget and tax cuts proposed by the president.

Fifty-three of the targeted Congressmen are from the south. White House aides refused to identify the individuals, but said most of those not from the south were from the Midwest.

With Democrats still in control of the House of Representatives, Reagan aides were hoping to weld conservative Democrats into a majority coalition with Republicans supporting the president's program.

The White House hopes to exploit polls it commissioned that say public approval in the south for the economic program stands at 67 per cent, compared to an average approval rating of 54 per cent for members of Congress in the region.

Meanwhile, Reagan himself is using the telephone to lobby members of Congress, according to Deputy White House Press Secretary Larry Speakes.

Congress is midway in a two-week Easter recess and the White House lobbying effort is scheduled to get underway next week while most legislators are in their home districts.

The Congressional recess ends April 27, and the Reagan program will be the dominant order to business.

U.S. talks to end coal strike fail

WASHINGTON, April 18 (R) — Talks to end a strike by 160,000 U.S. miners broke up after nine operators rejected a package of union demands, a union spokesman said. No date was set for further talks.

The two-hour meeting Friday took place as the strike by coal miners throughout the Appalachian region and parts of the Midwest entered its fourth week. Miners' union spokesman Eldon Call said the union had revived seven previously shelved contract demands, but the package was flatly rejected by the Bituminous Coal Operators' Association.

Financial Roundup Local, Bahrain marts active

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, April 18 — Despite the closure of the European markets on Easter Friday, the local banks and the Bahrain-based OBU's (offshore banking units) continued to deal in most currencies. Dealers report that there was some fairly active trading in the morning, but this died down by late afternoon. The most noticeable factor was that riyal deposit rates continued to firm in anticipation of further dollar strengthening when the markets open again Tuesday. (Monday is also a trading holiday).

Riyal JIBOR rates moved up from 15½ — 16 per cent in the one month to 15¼ — 16½ per cent by mid-morning trading. All tenors are reported to have firmed between ¼ and ½ per cent, but with the steepest rises coming in the "shorts", that is the short periods like one week, two weeks etc. One week JIBOR now stands at 16 — 16½ per cent with overnight funds at 17 per cent. The overnight fund is not really a "true" cost of fund for many banks since the OBU's in Bahrain cannot participate in overnight lending or borrowing as they are not members of the local banks' clearing systems. But the overnight fund is a generally reliable indicator of the liquidity situation affecting the local market for if one

bank was in short-term need of funds it will generally turn to the overnight market for borrowing. The important thing though is to distinguish between general funds scarcity in the market and temporary cash flow problems affecting one bank or another. The former could have the effect of driving all tenor rates upward, but the latter could have a short-term "boomerang" effect before other market participants realized it was the action of one bank only. In the local exchanges, spot riyal traded at a fairly high level of 3.35-10-25 and 3.3512 — 18 (levels with some buyers at those levels).

As far as the other European currencies are concerned, the Bahraini markets expectations is that the dollar will continue to open strong Tuesday. The latest money supply figures released (Thursday) showed a rise of \$4.8 billion in the narrowly defined M1B money supply base. Translated into simple terms it means that dollar interest rates will not ease and in fact there is already talk of an 18 per cent prime lending rate. The present prime is standing at 17½ per cent with the major banks while others have still kept it at 17 per cent to see how the wind blows. One month Eurodollar interest rate is now quoted at 17½ — 17 17¼ per cent and is expected to firm Tuesday.

To meet shortage

Iran to import oil, kerosene

BEIRUT, April 18 (AP) — The Iranian Parliament has approved allocation of \$200 million to the National Iranian Oil Company for the purchase of oil and kerosene abroad to satisfy the war-stricken nation's fuel needs, the official news agency Pars reported Saturday.

It said the council of ministers headed by Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai, approved the purchase of kerosene, gas oil and engine oil from abroad following a proposal by the Oil Ministry and Planning Budget organization. It did not say from where Iran was buying the fuel. Pars said the ministers met to coordinate the duties of government staff in war-stricken areas.

The Iranian government introduced rationing to fuel oils at the start of the war

Both Iranian and Iraqi oil installations have suffered damages from air attacks.

Iran's Oil Minister Muhammad Jawad Tungayan was captured by Iraqi forces near the front last October and is still being held as a prisoner of war in Iraq.

Iran exports about 1.4 million barrels of crude oil a day, but more than 60 per cent of its refinery capacity has been put out of action in the Gulf war, creating consumer shortages. Current ration for kerosene is 30 liters per family per month, sold at the subsidized price of 2.5 rials (93 cents) a liter. The inadequacy of the ration, especially during the winter, caused much discontent.

Oil sharing plan tested by IEA

PARIS, April 18 (AP) — A new test shows that the International Energy Agency's emergency oil-sharing scheme is capable of evening out supplies to the organization's 21-member countries in the event of a major oil supply emergency, the IEA has reported.

The IEA said Friday the test, the third so far, was conducted in October and November and involved representatives of the organization's member governments, 41 major international and national oil companies and several hundred affiliated oil companies.

The contingency scheme is designed to re-allocate oil supplies in the event of a major disruption of the world oil supply system. The IEA's membership includes the major Western industrialized nations and Japan, with the exception of France.

The IEA said some problems had cropped up during the test — notably getting the scheme operational, data-processing and pricing — and that these could be accentuated when real oil supplies are at stake. But the overall conclusion was that in a real situation the scheme could successfully handle an emergency.

The test was conducted using two scenarios in which the total oil supply to IEA nations was reduced by up to 30 per cent.

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Belgian Franc (1,000)	94.00	100.00	—
Canadian Dollar	2.81	3.20	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	155.00	155.00	153.30
Dutch Guilder (100)	140.00	143.00	138.10
Egyptian Pound	—	4.10	4.30
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	91.20	91.30
French Franc (100)	—	66.50	66.50
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	—	40.45
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	65.10
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Israeli Dinar	—	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	31.00	33.20	31.10
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.50	—	15.55
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.32	10.26
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.22	12.16
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	83.80	84.00
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	71.00	71.10
Pakistan Rupee (100)	—	—	34.00
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	44.00
Portuguese Escudo (100)	—	—	—
Saudi Riyal	7.29	7.28	7.25
Swiss Franc (100)	—	92.00	92.30
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	158.70
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	—	—
Swiss Franc (100)	169.00	172.00	168.25
Syrian Lira (100)	—	55.40	56.50
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	—
U.S. Dollar	3.35	3.36	3.3530
Yemeni Rial (100)	—	73.45	73.45

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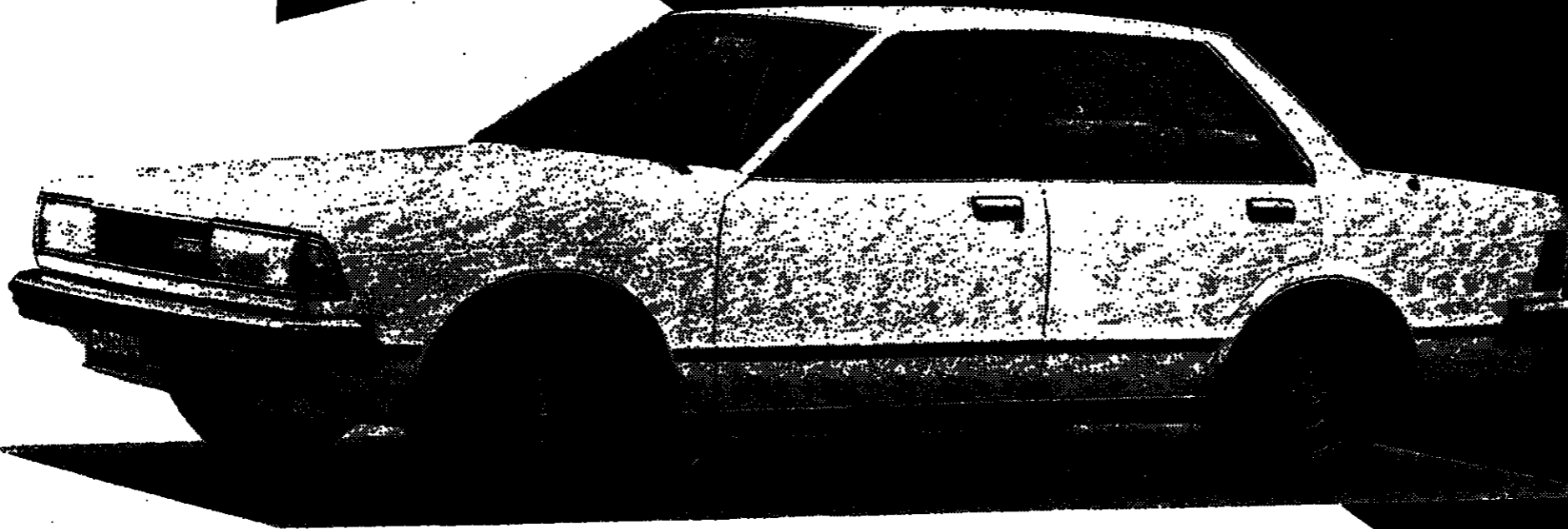
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Japan, China qualify

NOVI SAD, Yugoslavia, April 18 (R) — Communist China and Japan made certain of qualifying for the playoff in the Swaythling Cup men's team event at the World Table Tennis Championships Saturday.

China trounced England 5-0 and Japan edged out France 5-4, and these Asian rivals clash in the final Group 'A' match tonight to decide who finishes top of the section.

The Chinese notched their sixth consecutive success when they swept England aside with five straight set singles wins.

China's world No. 4 Wang Huiyuan and Xie Saikie both won twice and it was Guo Yuehua, ranked second in the world, who met most resistance, against John Hilton.

European champion Hilton lost 21-10 in the first set, but extended Guo, an unsuccessful finalist in the men's singles at the last two championships, to 24-22 in the second.

England No. 1 Desmond Douglas, who played a major role in his team's three wins in their previous five matches, was convincingly beaten 21-14, 21-12 by Xie.

Japan, who have won five of their six Group matches, staged a magnificent revival to beat the French 5-4.

World singles champion Seiji Ono gave the Japanese an early lead, but French ace Jacques Secretnin won his first two games to help the European build up a commanding 4-1 advantage.

Hiro Yuki checked the slump by defeating Patrick Birocheau and further wins by Norio, Takashima and Ono levelled the score.

In the Corbillon women's team cup, top Group 'B' team North Korea clinched a place in the playoff when they crushed their main rivals, the Soviet Union, 3-0.

MEN: New Zealand beat Yemen 5-3; Greece beat Ghana 5-3; Trinidad and Tobago beat Ecuador 5-4; South Korea beat West Germany 5-4; Yemen beat Nepal 5-2; Brazil beat Canada 5-3; Australia beat Malaysia 5-3; China beat Sweden 5-3; India beat Norway 5-4; Malta beat Iceland 5-3; South Korea beat France 5-3; Japan beat England 5-4.

Singapore beat Palestinian 5-0; Pakistan beat Cyprus 5-0; New Zealand beat Argentina 5-0; Czechoslovakia beat Argentina 5-0; Czechoslovakia beat Australia 5-0; North Korea beat Italy 5-0; Spain beat Ecuador 5-1; Belgium beat Trinidad and Tobago 5-1; Hungary beat Soviet Union 5-0.

WOMEN: Yugoslavia beat England 3-0; North Korea beat England 3-0; North Korea beat Soviet Union 3-0; Bulgaria beat Malaysia 3-0; Canada beat Italy 3-2; United States beat New Zealand 3-2; North Korea beat Sweden 3-1; Romania beat England 3-1; Czechoslovakia beat Hong Kong 3-0; Japan beat Finland 3-0; Hungary beat West Germany 3-1; China beat South Korea 3-0; Denmark beat Ireland 3-0.



DUEL: Tommy Taylor (Orient) and West Ham's Pick in a tussle for the ball in the English Second Division Football match Saturday. West Ham won the match 2-0.

Davis marches into final

Record break by Mountjoy

LONDON, April 18 (AFP) — Britain's Steve Davis won his semifinal match against Canada's Cliff Thorburn 16-10 at the World Professional Snooker Championship at Sheffield Saturday.

Davis, the United Kingdom and English champion, who led holder Thorburn 12-10 overnight after a marathon third session, took the first four frames Saturday to secure his place in the final which begins Sunday.

His opponent over the 35 frames will be the winner of the all-Welsh clash between Doug Mountjoy and Ray Reardon, six times the world title holder.

Earlier, Mountjoy set a championship record of 145 against his compatriot Ray Reardon.

Mountjoy's golden break, worth £6,200 (\$13,600) in prize money if it is not beaten during the remainder of the tournament, was three points higher than the previous championship best.

Mountjoy, who was given a standing ovation by the packed crowd in the crucible theatre here, said: "It was a big thrill and made me determined to concentrate on the frame."

He won that one too and at the end of the second session of the semifinal had built a solid 9-6 lead over six times champion Reardon.

Results: Steve Davis (Britain) beat Cliff Thorburn (Canada) 16-10; (final session scores, Davis first): 65-42, 96-22, 82-39, 60-49.

Meanwhile, six Scottish amateur internationals are among the 13 leading amateurs who have been accepted as members of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association and who will be eligible to compete in the World Professional Championship next year. The Scots are: Ian Black, Burt Demarco, Jim Donnelly, Matt Gibson, Eddie McLaughlin, and Murdo McLeod.

Whittaker ousts Dallah Avco in tiebreaker

JEDDAH, April 18 — Dallah Avco's dreams of a League and Cup soccer double disappeared Tuesday night when they crashed out of the Lufthansa Cup to an improved Whittaker team who held them to 1-1 at full-time then won the best-of-five penalty decider three goals to two.

In other first and second round Cup action last week, both NJIA teams made an early exit, the first team being more outplayed by Toyota then the 2-1 score suggests, and the second team conceding five goals to Sandia and replying with only one. Hochtief put out the new Third Division Champions A.B. J & P 3-2. Al Hada crashed 3-6 to AST, and Zahid downed Dynasty 5-2.

Depleted Ipswich bows to Arsenal

LONDON, April 18 (R) — The injury jinx which has dogged Ipswich this season inflicted two further devastating blows to them Saturday to leave Aston Villa firm favorites for the English First Division Soccer Championship.

For Aston Villa cruised to an effortless 2-0 home win over Nottingham Forest with goals from Peter Withe and a Gordon Cowans penalty, a depleted Ipswich went down 2-0 to Arsenal.

Villa's victory left them three points clear at the top, although they have just three games left to play against Ipswich's four.

Ipswich were given due warning that they were in for a tough afternoon against Arsenal when Dutch international Frans Thijssen, their midfield inspiration, was ruled out with a groin strain shortly before kick-off.

Their fortunes took another dip after 16 minutes when England striker Eric Gates limped off and before the substitute could be brought on Arsenal went ahead through Peter Nicholas. Any chance Ipswich had of saving the game disappeared when Kenny Sansom headed the visitors into a 2-0 lead in the 58th minute.

It was Ipswich's first home defeat of the season, a record which had stretched back 46 games, and the worst possible preparation for Wednesday's European Football (UEFA) Cup semifinal secondleg tie with Cologne in West Germany.

Ipswich hold a slender 1-0 advantage and will need to show a marked improvement if they are to survive in Cologne.

Arsenal went ahead with a marvellous goal from midfielder Nicholas, who pounced on a loose ball to deposit a rocket 25-meter shot high into the net.

If anything the second was even better. John Hollins shed down the right before past.

Kullang keeps lead

NAIROBI, Kenya, April 18 (AP) — Anders Kullang and Bruno Berglund of Sweden, leaders from the start, gradually widened their margin over 38 other cars Saturday as the five-day Safari Rally passed the halfway point.

The Swedes' Opel Ascona 400 had 84 penalty points for lateness at time controls, 23 fewer than the Datsun Violet GTS driven by Finn Rauno Aslinton and Kenyan Lofy Drows, and by Shekhar Mehta and Mike Doughy of Kenya.

Dallah Avco were expected to make easy going of Whittaker, whose end of season record showed four defeats out of four, including a 5-2 thrashing by Dallah. Perhaps overconfidence resulted in a poor performance and Whittaker took full advantage of it.

J & P also gave a lacklustre performance Wednesday night against Hochtief and after a spirited start that saw them 1-0 ahead after a 12th minute Panikos goal, they faded rapidly as their strong physical style was countered by the stronger German side. Hochtief replied with a first half penalty and two second-half goals from Wily Hoffman while Panikos scored a second late goal for J & P.

Toyota made it third-time-lucky against NJIA, having drawn twice in the league encounters. NJIA took an early lead but were struggling at the end of the first half and throughout the second. Two goals in the second half from Richard Lambert closed the game for Toyota whose central defenders Nurain and Al Mahi held firm against a late NJIA rally. Current League Cup champions, Zahid found themselves 2-0 down at half-time against Dynasty but two quick goals after the break deflated Dynasty and Zahid eventually pulled through 3-2.

The second round will be completed this week, and only one match looks to have an uncertain outcome. Hochtief meet FOJP. Monday and while recent form will favor Hochtief, they stand at one win a piece in their league meetings and FOJP could pull-off a surprise. In the other round two matches, Sandia meet Arabian Homes and AST take on Whittaker Villa.

Aston Villa boosts chances

sing to John Devine whose pinpoint cross was headed home by Sansom at the far post.

In contrast, Villa enjoyed an unexpected easy passage against Forest, the European champions in 1979 and 1980.

Cowans put them ahead from the penalty spot in the 29th minute after Scottish international John Robertson pulled down compatriot Bremner.

Withe, who won a championship medal with Forest, almost certainly clinched his second, when he scored the second with a brave diving header on the stroke of halftime.

Coventry and Norwich, the clubs striving separately to avoid relegation after a pickled up valuable points.

Coventry drew 2-2 at home with Stoke while Norwich returned from their visit to Football Association (F.A.) Cup finalists Tottenham with a 3-2 victory. Norwich's 60th minute winner came from an own goal by Tottenham defender Graham Roberts.

Soccer Results

English Division One		Division Two		Division One	
Aston Villa	2	Nottingham Forest	0	West Ham	2
Coventry City	2	Stoke City	2	Cardiff City	1
Crysal Palace	0	Brighton	2	Sheff Wed	1
Derby	4	Midweek	3	Sheff Wed	0
Ipswich Town	0	Arsenal	2	Sheff Wed	1
Leeds United	0	Liverpool	0	Sheff Wed	0
Luton Town	2	Southampton	0	Sheff Wed	0
Manchester City	2	West Bromwich	1	Sheff Wed	0
Manchester United	3	Birmingham City	0	Sheff Wed	0
Sheff Wed	1	Norwich City	3	Sheff Wed	0
Tottenham	2	Sheff Wed	3	Sheff Wed	0
Wolverhampton	1	Sheff Wed	3	Sheff Wed	0

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Pirates weather late Astros storm

Cubs crash to fourth defeat

NEW YORK, April 18 (AP) — Larry Christenson and Mike Proly scattered eight hits as the streaking Philadelphia Phillies beat the Chicago Cubs 6-2 Friday night.

Christenson struck out five and yielded four hits in seven innings as the Phillies won their fourth straight game. Proly pitched the final two innings against the Cubs, who were batting .195 as a team entering the game. The loss was the fourth straight for the Cubs.

The Phillies took a 1-0 lead in the second inning as Gary Matthews doubled, took third on an error and scored when Larry Bowa hit into a double play.

The Phillies wrapped the game up with three runs in the fourth against Cub loser Ken Kraver. Pete Rose walked with the bases loaded to force in one run, another scored on Manny Trillo's single and Keith Moreland's sacrifice fly brought home the third run of the inning.

In other National League action, Tony Scott knocked in two runs and scored twice and Larry Sorensen and Jim Otten combined on an eight-hitter as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Cincinnati Reds 9-5.

Larry Herndon hit a two-run single in the first inning and Enos Cabell collected three hits and scored three runs as the San Francisco Giants downed the Atlanta Braves 6-2.

Pittsburgh's Tim Lincecum got three singles and scored two runs and the pirates put down a ninth-inning Houston rally to defeat the Astros 4-3.

In the American League, Carney Lansford and Rick Miller, both acquired from California in winter trades, drove in five runs to lead the Boston Red Sox to an 8-5 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

Kirk Gibson cracked a two-run homer and Howard Bailey picked up his first Major League victory as the Detroit Tigers defeated the Toronto Blue Jays 8-5.

Rich Dauer's bases-loaded double triggered a three-run rally in the eighth inning and carried the Baltimore Orioles to a 3-2 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

Reggie Jackson, making his 1981 debut, doubled across the two runs Ron Guidry needed in the first inning and the New York Yankees held on to defeat the Texas Rangers 2-1.

In late AL action on the west coast, Dan Ford and Tom Brunansky hit also home runs

and Ken Forsch recorded his first AL Victory with a six-hit shutout as the California Angels snapped a four-game losing streak with a 4-0 triumph over the Minnesota Twins.

Oakland's red-hot Tony Armas belted his fifth and sixth home runs and a double, driving in five runs to back the four-hit pitching of Steve McCatty as the unbeaten A's opened

their home season by routing the Seattle Mariners 16-1 for their ninth victory of the season.

In late NL play Broderick Perkins lined a 10th-inning single to score Gene Richards from second as the San Diego Padres beat Los Angeles 3-2 and handed the Dodgers their first defeat of the season after six victories.

Baseball Standings

Table with columns for American League and National League, listing teams, wins, losses, percentages, and games behind.

Trevino takes 2-stroke lead

RANCHO LA COSTA, California April 18 (AP) — Lee Trevino birdied two of the last three holes for another 5-under-par 67 and opened up a two-stroke lead Friday in the second round of the \$300,000 Mony-Tournament of Champions.

Trevino, a four-time runnerup but still looking for his first victory in this elite event that brings together only the winners of PGA tour titles from the last 12 months, had a 36-hole total of 134.10 strokes under par on the 6,911-yard La Costa Country Club course.

Ray Floyd, winner of consecutive titles earlier this season, also had a 67 in the cool, cloudy weather. He was second alone at 136. "It was a terrific round of golf," said the veteran Floyd, enjoying some of his greatest success in his 19th year of tour activity. "For 16 holes it was maybe the best round I've ever played."

Another two shots back at 138 was Larry Nelson, also with a second-round 67. Curtis Strange, the first-round leader, and

Bruce Lietzke followed at 139. Lietzke shot a 71, and Strange went to 73. Bill Robers, twice tied for the lead over the front nine, fell back with a 38 on the back nine finished with a 72 and was at 140.

Jack Nicklaus, a five-time winner here, shot a 69 and was at 141, seven strokes back at the halfway point of the chase for a \$54,000 first prize.

Tom Watson, the masters champion and winner of this title the past two years, was well back. He matched par 72 and was at 146. "Am I 14 shots ahead of him?" Trevino asked. Told the margin was 12, he repeated his prediction from Thursday. "Then he's not out of it. I need 14 strokes," Trevino said.

But it was very much tongue in cheek. He had control of the tournament, and, although he has yet to win in California, he appeared very confident.

"I'm playing good," he said. His performance proved it. Six of his seven birdies came after his iron shots had stopped Lees than six feet from the flags.



DAZZLING FORM: Phillies star, Larry Christenson, struck dazzling form as he steered his team to their fourth straight victory in the National Baseball League Friday night.

Vilas rallies from brink

MONTE CARLO, Monaco, April 18 (AP) — Guillermo Vilas of Argentina blew three match points and was forced to go to a tiebreaker Friday before finally dispatched Czech Tomas Smid in a tough, sea-saw match, 6-0, 1-6, 7-6, to reach the semifinals of the \$250,000 Monte Carlo Open Tennis Tournament.

In other quarterfinal games Friday, tournament favorite Jimmy Connors scored on 70 per cent of his first serves to grab an easy 6-3, 6-2 win over Yannick Noah of France, and Hungarian Balasz Taroczy scored eight service aces, including match point, as he beat Argentina's Ricardo Cano in straight sets, 6-2, 6-3.

Connors will now face Taroczy in the semifinals Saturday while the 28-year-old-Vilas, the Monte Carlo champion five years ago, faces unseeded Italian Adriano Panatta, whom Vilas eliminated in a first-round match at last year's tournament.

No. 3 seed Vilas has now defeated Smid in each of their three tournament encounters, including the quarterfinals last year in Monte Carlo.

"I started out well today then lost my touch in the second set," said Vilas, ranked fifth in the world. "I was scared and furious with myself in the third set, but I came back in the end."

Murphy strikes deadly as Rockets upset Spurs

NEW YORK, April 18 (AP) — It had been 14 years since a team that had a losing record in the regular season reached the next-to-last round of the National Basketball Association playoffs.

The Houston Rockets, 40-42 in 1980-81, ended that string Friday night by beating the Midwest champion San Antonio Spurs 105-100. If the Kansas City Kings, also 40-42 in the regular season, can beat the Phoenix Suns in their seventh and final game Sunday, a losing team in the NBA final series is guaranteed.

The 1958-59 Minneapolis Lakers were the only regular season losing team ever to make the final series. They lost in four straight games to Boston.

Phoenix, which had trailed Kansas City 3-1 in their best-of-seven Western Conference set, forced a seventh game with an 81-76 triumph Friday night, while the Milwaukee Bucks tied their Eastern Conference semifinal at 3-3 with a 109-86 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers. The Boston Celtics, who swept the Chicago Bulls in their Eastern semifinal, await the winner of the Bucks-76ers series.

Calvin Murphy bombed the Spurs with 19 of 28 field-goal attempts and hit all four of his free throws for 42 points as the Rockets won for the third time in the series at San Antonio. Houston now has won five out of six games on the road in the playoffs.

"We were 40 and 42 this season, not as good as they (52-30 Spurs) were," Murphy said. "But when the playoffs came, we played championship basketball. We deserved to win this series."

"This series was unbelievable," San Antonio coach Stan Albeck said after each team won just one game on its home floor. "The finish of it also was unbelievable. The home-court advantage in this series didn't mean a thing. (Forward) Paul Griffin said it best: 'If you lose three at home in a seven-game series, you don't deserve to advance.'"

Murphy, the oldest and shortest player on the court, carried the scoring burden for Houston because center Moses Malone was ill. But the 6-foot dynamo still scored 21 points.

SUNS 81, KINGS 76: Phoenix scored the last five points of the game to avoid elimination against Kansas City. "The momentum is certainly with us," said Suns center Alvan Adams, whose two free throws with 33 sec-

onds left broke a 76-76 tie. "The pressure is back on them."

"Sunday game will be tremendous," said Phoenix coach John MacLeod. "They have excellent coaching. They've competed like heck."

The Kings, down to just eight players because of injuries, managed to outbounce the quicker Suns. "You got to give the Phoenix Suns credit," said Kansas City coach Cotton Fitzsimmons. "They were playing defense, and their defense is one of the reasons that we're shooting the way we are. They're exploiting us, trying to two-time our good shooters and leaving the other people open."

Johnson led Phoenix with 17 points, while Scott Wedman led all scorers with 19 for the Kings.

BUCKS 109, 76ERS 86: Milwaukee forced a Sunday showdown by taking control of the game in the third quarter and pulling away in the final period against Philadelphia.

Mickey Johnson scored 22 points and center Bob Lanier added 20, including a layup early in the third quarter that put the Bucks ahead to stay, 49-47. The Bucks led 74-66 at the end of the period and outscored the 76ers 35-20 in the fourth quarter.

Marques Johnson, hobbled by a back injury all week, contributed 15 points, Julius Erving led all scorers with 25.

Boston police consider move against marathon

BOSTON, Massachusetts, April 18 (AP) — Boston police, angry and frustrated because of pending layoffs, are reconsidering a proposal to block the path of Monday's Boston Marathon, an attorney for the police union says.

Attorney Frank McGee said he would warn members of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association at meetings Saturday that there was widespread official opposition to the protest, which has been unanimously approved by the union's 54-member house of district representatives.

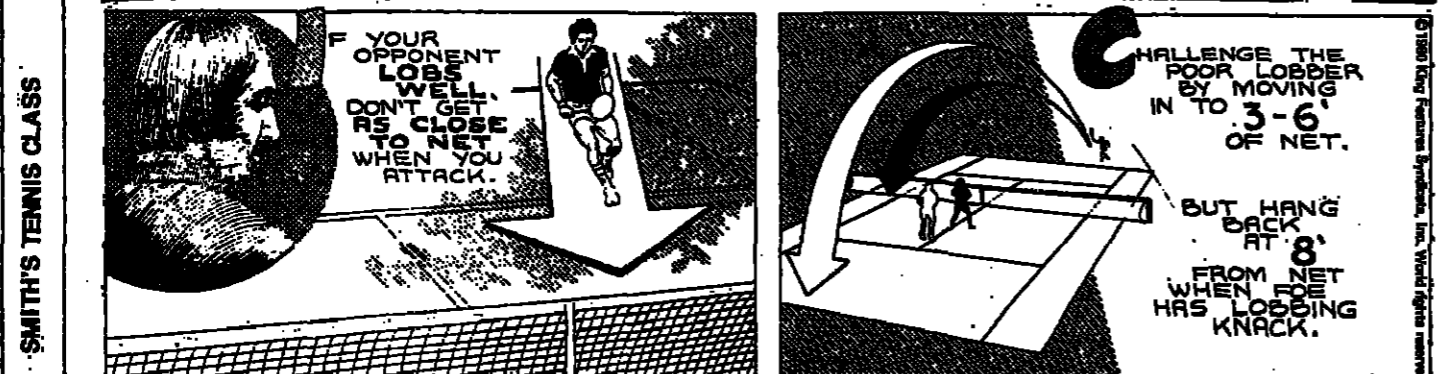
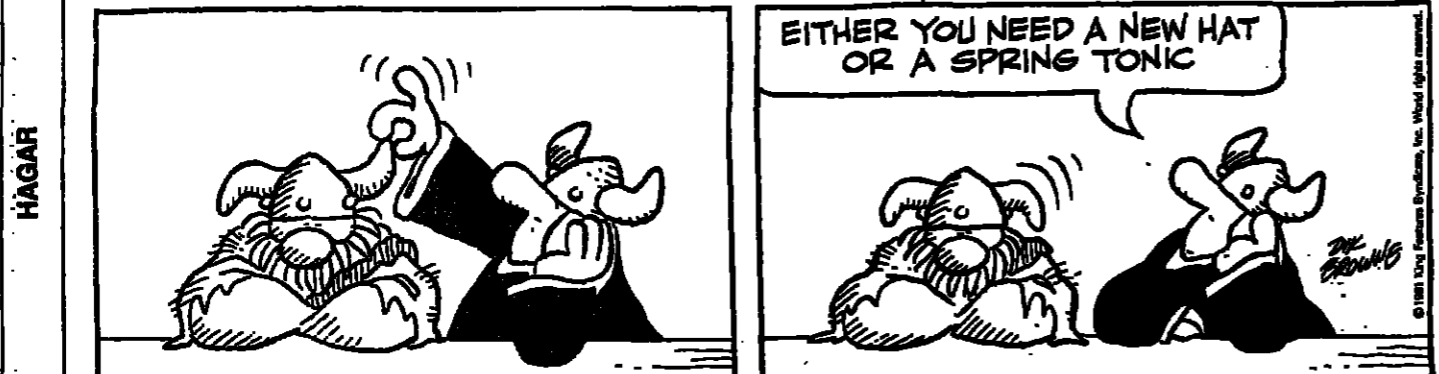
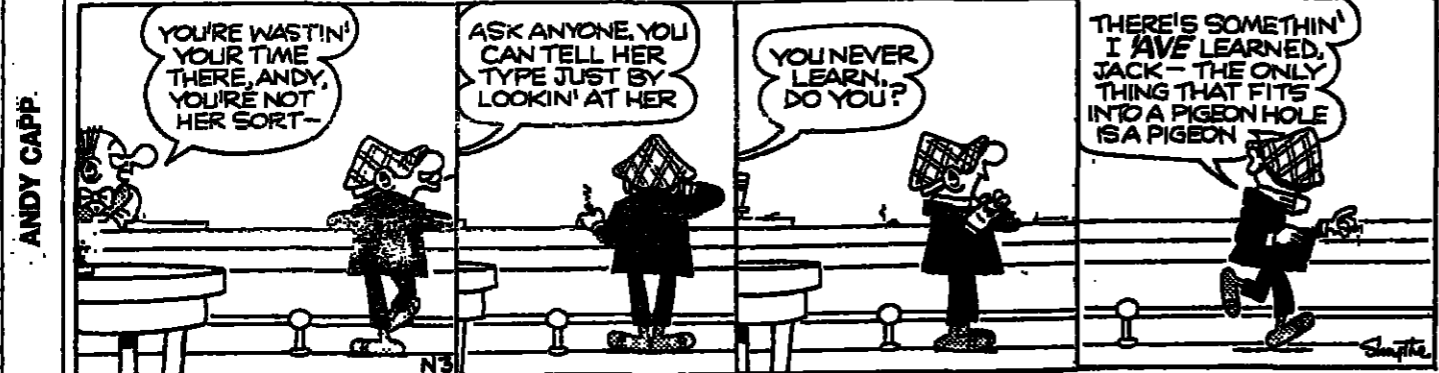
The protest was scheduled to take place at Cleveland Circle, located about seven miles (11 km) from the end of the 26 mile 385-yard (42 km) running classic. McGee said the officers wanted to bring "international attention" to the layoffs.

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Your Individual Horoscope by Frances Drake. FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Attend to personal needs, but watch diet and a tendency to overspend. Honor agreements and don't overextend your schedule. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Plan to spend more time by yourself. Needed rest will restore your vitality. However, don't neglect the feelings of loved ones. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) It's an active time, socially, but you'll enjoy yourself more in the company of one or two select friends. Be discriminating. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Friends may turn you on to new money-making propositions. Be mindful of the needs of children. Unexpected company may arrive. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Don't rush into an agreement. Get advice from trusted confidantes. News from a distance may pertain to business. Be open-minded. **PISCES** (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) A mood to take risks makes you willing to experiment regarding investments, but you'd be wise to stick to conservative ventures. **ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Social relationships are accentuated, but curtail a tendency to extravagance. Good times tempt you to spend beyond your means. **TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) If you'll overcome a tendency to goof off, you'll make a dent in household tasks. Close ties are willing to help you out. **GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A loved one shows a different side of his or her personality. Watch diet and self-indulgence. Don't let things slide. **CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Home entertainments go well, but don't mix business and pleasure. Don't bore others with too much shop talk. Just relax. **LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22) Distant plans are subject to change. Local visits with relatives and other close ties work out well. Don't scatter your energies. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Decide what it is you want before going on a shopping tour, otherwise you'll tend to

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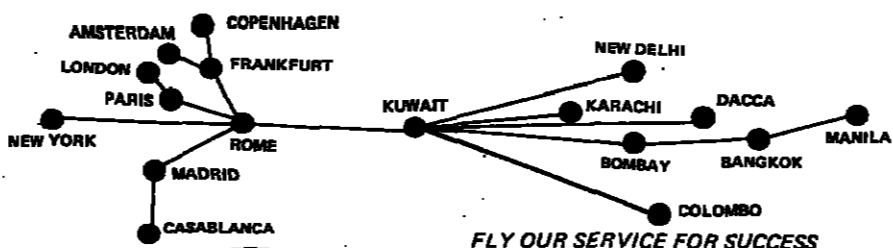
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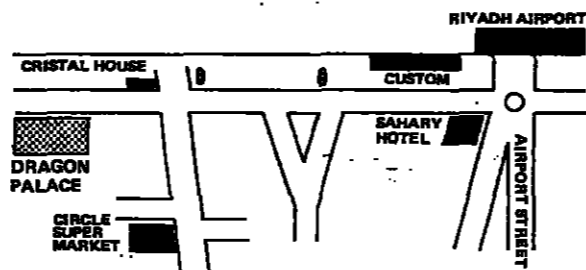
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U.N. envoy ends mission
Kabul recognizes problem of refugees

ISLAMABAD, April 18 (Agencies) - Afghanistan is still willing to hold talks to ease tensions with its neighbors, Iran and Pakistan, and for the first time has acknowledged the refugee problem, U.N. Undersecretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar was quoted as saying.



U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig

Haig intends to stay in job

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP) - Saying his relations with senior U.S. presidential advisers are very good at the moment, Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig said he intends to remain in his post "as long as I can make a constructive contribution."

Cuellar was told that most fled because of Karmal's predecessor, the late President Hafizullah Amin who was killed during the December 1979 Soviet intervention, the source said.

Pakistan's leadership in meetings Monday and Tuesday told the U.N. envoy that only Afghanistan's ruling party, not the regime, could be represented at U.N.-sponsored talks.

Meanwhile, Afghan Foreign Minister Shah Muhammad Dost Saturday criticized that he called the "dangerous position" taken by U.S. President Ronald Reagan on the possibility of supplying American arms to Afghan liberation forces.

Soviet troops recently resumed dropping butterfly-shaped anti-personnel mines in eastern Afghanistan after a lull of several months, and American journalist quoted Afghan villagers as saying, Kergis Bordevich, a New York-based freelance reporter, said Friday he watched residents last week request Mujahideen forces accompanying him to dispose of the mines unloaded by a Soviet helicopter the day before.

Afghan fighters shot dead the deputy chief of the country's secret police, three other Afghans and three Soviet officers in a daring raid in the center of Kabul last Tuesday, a traveler from Afghanistan reported Saturday.

LUXEMBOURG, April 18 (AFP) - A Molotov cocktail was hurled through a window of the West German Embassy here Saturday, following bombings in West German cities after the death in Hamburg Thursday of convicted terrorist Sigurd Debus 38, a member of the "Red Army Faction."

Meanwhile, in Bonn, two jailed extremists Saturday called off their hunger strike after 73 days, joining 23 of their colleagues who ended their fast Thursday after the death of Debus.

The two called off their fast "as their contribution" to the solution of the problem of conditions, their lawyers said, adding that they were giving the authorities "time to modify the conditions."

In Koblenz town five women were arrested Saturday on suspicion of belonging to a terrorist group, after daubing walls with slogans supporting the outlawed Red Army Faction, police said.

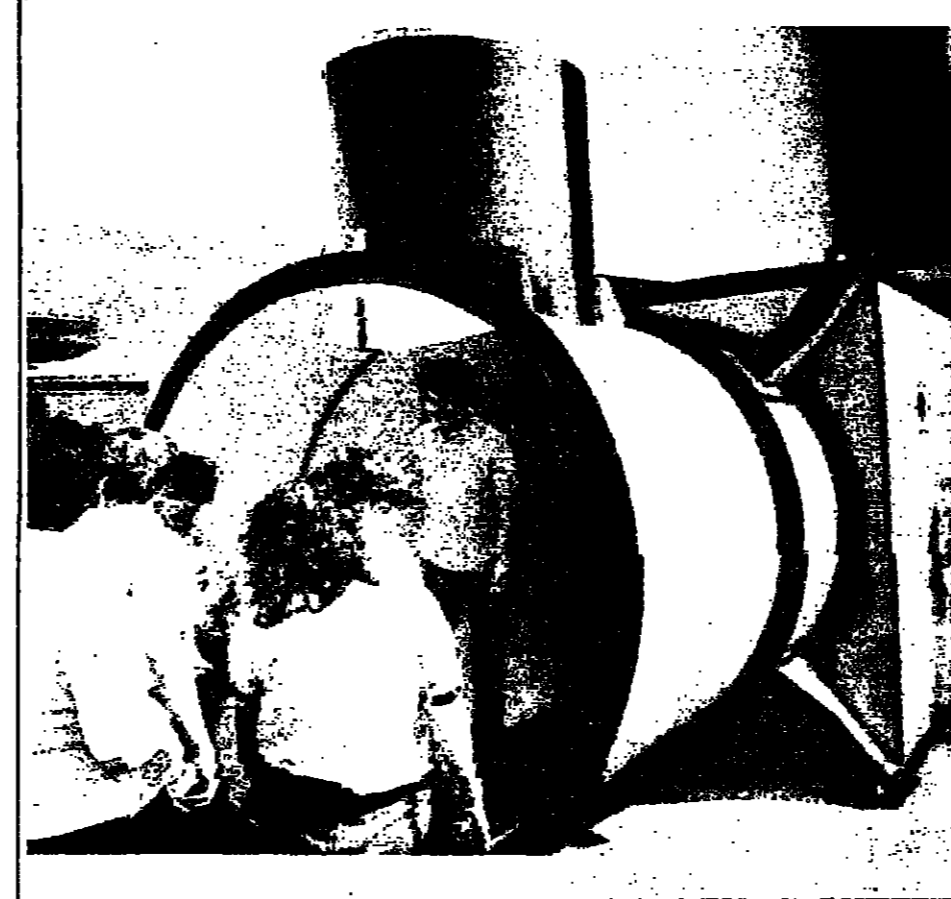
joachim Ulrich said five women, aged between 19 and 29, arrived in this western town from Munster in Westphalia Thursday. He said their action was in protest at the death of Debus.

Fresh violence erupts in N. Ireland

BELFAST, April 18 (Agencies) - Rioters clashed with security forces overnight at Belfast and Londonderry as fresh violence erupted in troubled Northern Ireland.

Troops and police have been bracing for a fresh upsurge of fighting in Ulster over Easter to coincide with the anniversary of the 1916 Dublin insurrection, from which the Irish Republican Army (IRA) was born.

Tension is also high because of plans by Republicans to rally in support of comrades staging a hunger strike to seek political prisoner status at Maze jail, near Belfast.



ANTI-ATOMIC REFUGE: Visitors gather in front of the round-shaped entrance of an anti-atomic refuge, the first of its kind built in Italy, at an international trade fair in Milan Wednesday.

Namibian independence

Nonaligned plan action

ALGIERS, April 18 (R) - Foreign ministers from nonaligned nations were expected to adopt an action program Saturday night for the independence of Namibia (Southwest Africa) at a meeting here, conference sources said.

Sanctions proposed by the 96-nation movement include an oil embargo, cutting trade and ending foreign investments. But the sources added that delegates of the African "front-line" states - Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe - met Friday night and said they could not comply with the sanctions because their economies were dependent on South Africa.

South Africa has administered Namibia since 1920 under a League of Nations mandate revoked by the United Nations in 1966.

The five members of the so-called contact group on Namibia - the United States, Canada, France, Britain and West Germany - have said they will meet in London next week to seek a negotiated independence settlement. This was seen by conference sources as an excuse for Western powers in the Security Council to postpone the sanctions vote.

Sam Nujoma, SWAPO leader, also said the meeting was a maneuver by "the gang of five" to avoid imposing sanctions. In an interview with the Algerian news agency APS, Nujoma ruled out Western suggestions that guarantees be granted to the white minority in Namibia before independence.

"We accept nothing short of absolute power of the Namibian people under SWAPO's leadership," he was quoted as saying.

In Luanda, President Reagan's envoy to Africa, Chester Crocker said when arriving on the latest leg of an 11-nation African tour Friday that the United States believed a solution to the Namibia problem was possible.

80 Indonesians die as cholera spreads in Java

JAKARTA, April 18 (AP) - Over 80 persons have died and approximately 9,000 have been hospitalized in West Java since the outbreak of cholera began two weeks ago, West Java health officials said Saturday.

Bad sanitation was the main reason for the spread of the disease, the official said. Some health centers are located far away from the affected villages and some cholera victims had to be carried by foot for more than 5 kms for medical treatment.

Meanwhile, seven persons have died of cholera in Jakarta since last Monday. Jakarta health officials said all the cholera victims came from the western part of the capital.

Immediate steps to prevent the disease from spreading have been taken, including providing health information to villagers, the officials said.

Suzuki gets Reagan's regret note on lost ship

TOKYO, April 18 (AP) - U.S. President Ronald Reagan, in a personal note sent to Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki through the U.S. Embassy Saturday, expressed regret over the sinking of a Japanese cargo ship by a U.S. nuclear-powered submarine in the East China Sea April 9.

Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito told a news conference that he received the letter on Suzuki's behalf from American Ambassador Mike Mansfield in a meeting earlier in the day. Ito said Reagan also expressed his "deep" sympathy for two crewmen of the sunken Nissho Maru still reported missing and presumed dead.

Reagan said in the note he believes settlement of the case will be possible even before Suzuki's scheduled visit to Washington sometime in early May, Ito added. The exact date for the summit with Reagan has not been set. An official inquiry to probe the incident is under way by Capt. Willis Rich, a senior staff officer of the navy's Pacific headquarters in Hawaii.

The incident stirred a public furor in nuclear-sensitive Japan, and anger against the submarine's failure to spot the freighter before the collision and to conduct any extensive rescue efforts after the collision. Criticism has also been made of the fact that the United States waited more than 24 hours before admitting that an American naval vessel was involved.

He said in his meeting with Mansfield, he asked the United States to expedite the probe for an early settlement of the case, including possible U.S. compensation, and to report to Japan on the results of the investigation.

Mansfield said the United States will make maximum efforts but said he could not estimate how long the probe would take, Ito added.

Twins die same day

CORDELE, Georgia, April 18 (AP) - Margaret Neeham Cox and Florence Neeham Parrish weren't identical twins, although they were born exactly two hours apart. But they were inseparable in life and, at age 87, they died exactly two hours apart. Mrs. Cox was born first. She also died first.

The family moved to Cordele when they were three. When the girls were 15, both began working as telegraph operators for Western Union Telegraph Co. Both worked for the company for more than 40 years.

Both women married - but neither had a child. They belonged to the same civic groups and, according to their niece, Sudie Louise Armstrong of Austin, Texas, "they planted every blade of grass, all the shrubbery and all the trees" for a church. Mrs. Cox suffered a stroke in 1973. Mrs. Parrish visited her every day in the nursing home until she, too, suffered a stroke.

Both died Tuesday in the nursing home in Cordele. They must have sent "messages to each other from their hearts," said longtime friend Gladys King Browder.

15 Americans die in midair collision

LOVELAND, Colorado, April 18 (AP) - Fifteen persons were killed and four skydivers parachuted 8,000 feet to safety Friday afternoon when a twin-engine commuter airplane and a smaller craft collided in clear, calm weather near the Loveland Airport.

Four men on the smaller plane, which carried skydivers from a parachute center, bailed out after the collision and floated to the ground. Two skydivers were apparently killed as they attempted to jump from the crippled aircraft, and all 13 aboard the commuter plane were killed, authorities said.

Robert Baxter, a duty officer with the Federal Aviation Administration in Denver, said the commuter plane was an Air U.S. twin-engine Handley-Page Turboprop bound from Denver to Gillette, Wyoming. He said the plane was carrying 10 passengers, a pilot, a co-pilot and flight attendant when it crashed near Loveland-Fort Collins, north of Denver.

"All of a sudden, it seemed the plane just exploded," said Steve Kinnett, one of the four survivors who were aboard a Cessna 206 from the Skys West Parachute Center. "I was sitting next to the pilot and when I looked back, I didn't see the back end of the plane. The two guys in the back were no longer there."

The plane was carrying five skydivers and a pilot, all equipped with parachutes. Six came in parachutes. Sheriff's Capt. Rod Bottoms of the Larimer county sheriff's office said one of the surviving parachutists was severely injured and another was slightly hurt. He said all aboard the commuter plane were dead.

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